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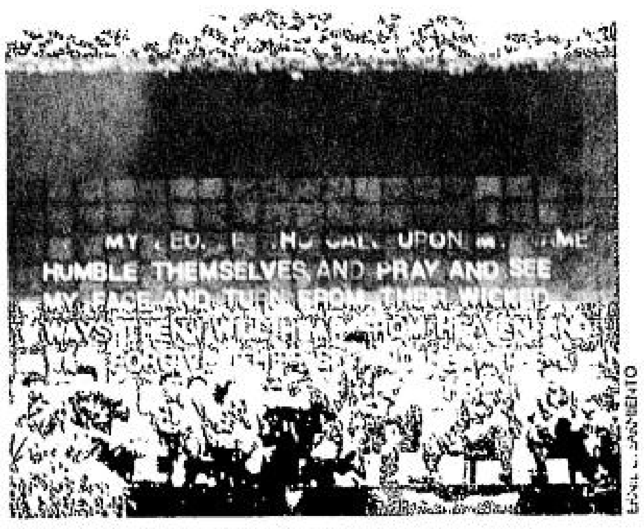
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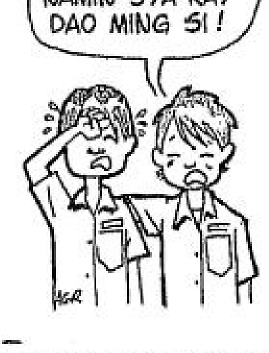
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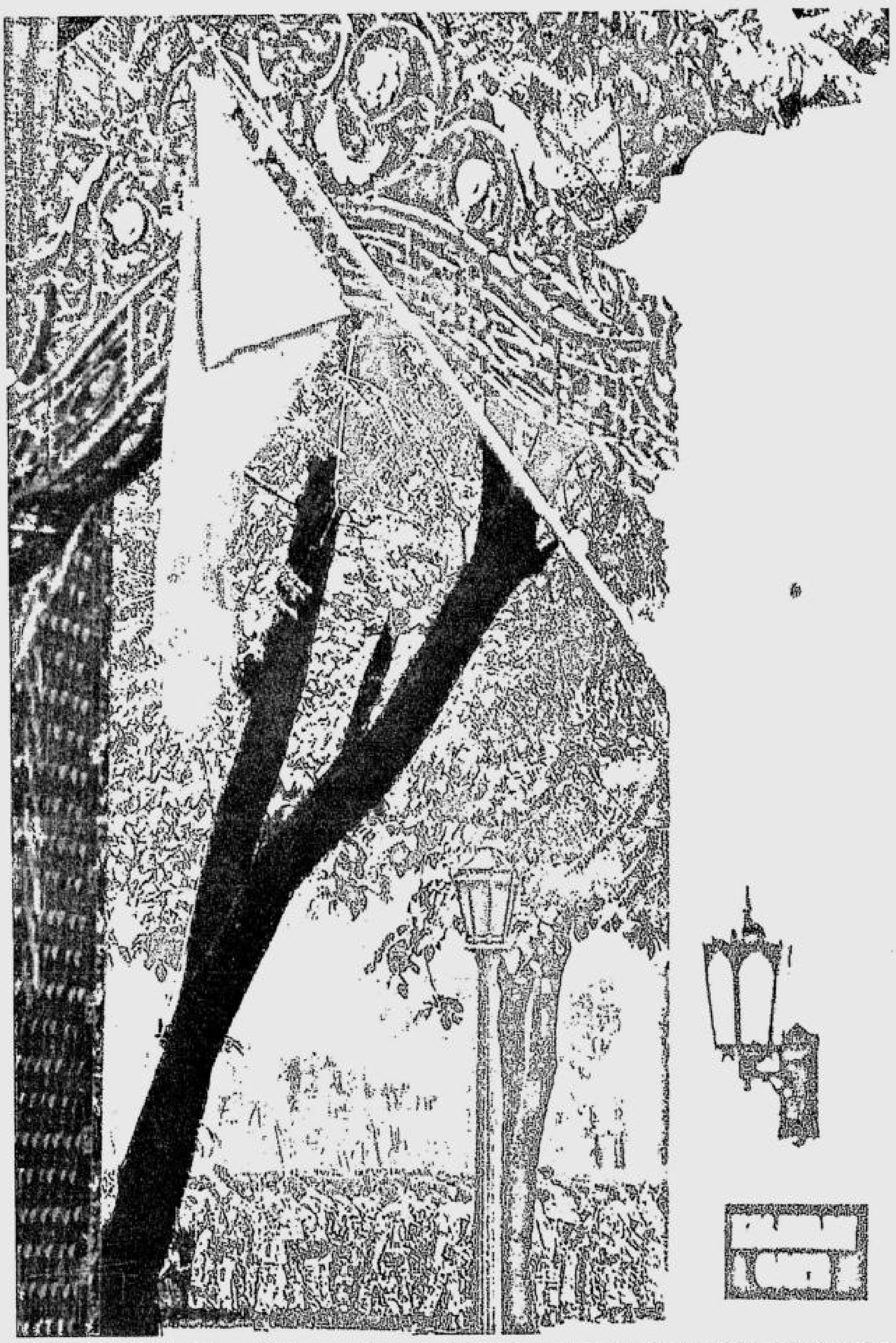

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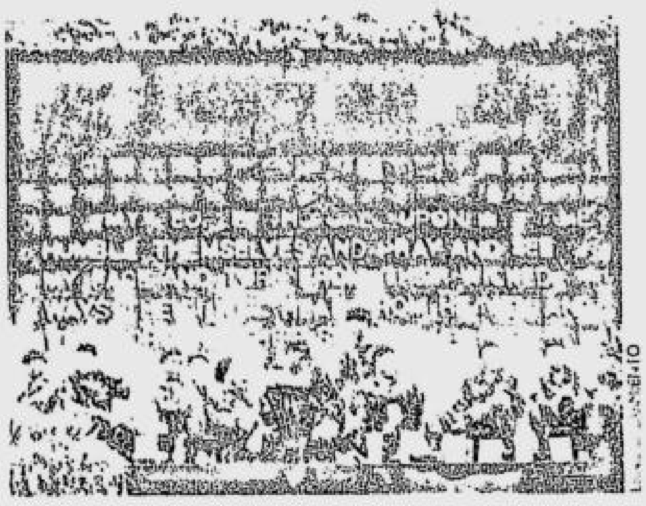

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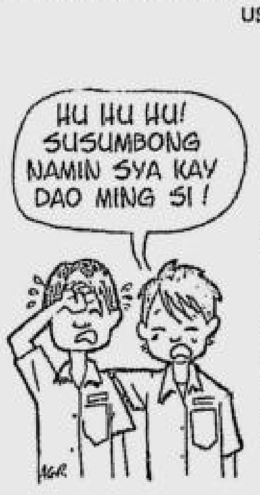

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Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy With Rains
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Military, police deny Al-Ghozi in their hands

By TJ Burgonio

SPECULATION continued to swirl yesterday that escaped bomber Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi had been captured in the southern Philippines, but military and police officials brushed these aside.

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, Armed Forces of the Philippines information officer, flatly denied a TV news report that Al-Ghozi had been captured by personnel of the military's Anti-Crime Task Force (Actaf) in General Santos City.

Both Actaf chief Col. Oscarlito Mapalo and Brig. Gen. Alexander Yano, commander of the Army's 601st Brigade based in Saranggani, "belied such reports," Lucero told reporters.

Yano's brigade has jurisdiction over Actaf personnel who are helping police teams track down Al-Ghozi in Mindanao, according to Lucero.

"I have not received any report yet regarding the arrest of Al-Ghozi. You know me, I will not hide any information from you," Yano told the INQUIRER.

Wish it was true

"We wish this information that Al-Ghozi has been caught was true. However, we are exerting all efforts to make the information come true," said Lucero, adding: "Actaf is helping the PNP track down Al-Ghozi."

Citing intelligence sources, ABS-CBN reported on its evening news Friday that the Actaf had Al-Ghozi in its custody.

Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., head of the task force hunting down Al-Ghozi, paid a surprise visit to Sarangani on Thursday.

One rumor had it Ebdane was trying to negotiate with the Actaf to turn the fugitive Indonesian over to the police.

Yano said he did not know where the reports were coming from but theorized that a group seeking to destabilize the Macapagal administration was trying to pit the military against the police.

"We would turn him (Al-Ghozi) over if he was in our custody, even if the police did not ask us to. We don't mind who gets the credit as long as we do our job," Yano said.

Lucero denied reports by ABS-CBN the Actaf had something to do with the escape of Al-Ghozi and the two others.

Advice to journalists

"We encourage journalists to contact AFP officers on any issue so speculations can be minimized," he said.

Director Eduardo Matillano, chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, said he checked with the regional police chief in General Santos City and was told the report of Al-Ghozi's capture was false.

"It was a bum steer. The report wasn't true," Matillano said in a phone interview.

The CIDG is the lead agency investigating the July 14 escape of Al-Ghozi and Abu Sayyaf members Omar Opik Lasal and Abdulmukim Ong Edris from their detention cells at Intelligence Group headquarters in Camp Crame.

In Butuan City, Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes said the rumors were not doing the country any good.

He urged the public "to refrain from accepting these rumors and disinformation."

Reyes reiterated that even with the pressure on the police and other agencies, Ms Macapagal had not set a timetable for the recapture of the Indonesian.

"It will take as long as it takes," he said.

As officials raced to dispute reports about Al-Ghozi's supposed arrest in the Socsargen area, a civilian official who played a big role in tracking down Abu Sayyaf bandits in Basilan said he was inclined to believe Al-Ghozi was hiding in the province.

"I can't give details as to where and how we are working, but I assure the people that we are working and moving closer to our target, definitely not in General Santos City," the official who requested anonymity said.

Southern Command chief Maj. Gen Roy Kyamko was mum when asked if Al-Ghozi might be in Basilan.

"I am not in a position to talk about that," he said.

The hunt for the self-confessed terrorist in Basilan took visible shape on Thursday when provincial police director Supt. Bensali Jabarani recalled all "inactive assets to assist the military, police and even the local government."

Jabarani said the manhunt would zero in on Lantawan because Lasal and Edris were natives of the place.

Janjalani aide's theory

Bashier Hamja, a former aide to slain Abu Sayyaf chief Abdurajak Janjalani who yielded to authorities a few years ago, suspected Edris was on Bacungan Island in Tawi-Tawi and Lasal on Capual Island off Luuk in Sulu. And Al-Ghozi could be with either of them.

Jabarani said the police were closely working with the relatives of Edris and Lasal to recapture the fugitives.

Other police officials said they had not received any information about the capture of Al-Ghozi in any part of the country.

"We have no information like that. We're just taking our cue from the PNP chief. They're still out there. There's no word as of this time and date," said Col. Leopoldo Bataoil, police information officer, in another phone interview.

When asked about the reported capture of Al-Ghozi, police spokesperson Director Ricardo de Leon said: "I don't know anything about it. I can't comment on that. That's up to the PNP chief to disclose." *With Julie S. Alipala, Aquiles Z. Zonio, Edwin Fernandez and Franklin A. Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Danding admits having second thoughts about running for president

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BACOLOD CITY—Business tycoon Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. is having second thoughts about his political plans for 2004.

Cojuangco yesterday admitted having a hard time winning the masses over during his "pulso ng masa" provincial consultations during the past month.

"They don't consider me as one of them," he said in Filipino, explaining that people belonging to classes D and E regarded him as an "elitist."

As a result, Cojuangco said, he was now inclined to "say no" to groups urging him to run for president. He earlier promised to announce his decision by end of August or mid-September.

Speaking to reporters yesterday at his estate in Pontevedra, Negros Occidental, Cojuangco said: "Even if I have good ideas and my programs are right, a major (factor for victory) is still one's appeal to the masses. If you don't win, your ideas will remain dreams."

He was "not looking for a job," the businessman stressed, especially since he knew that the next president faced a difficult task..

From the start, Cojuangco recounted, he had been willing to step back and push for someone who shared his ideals, and who was a "sure winner." So far, he said, "the one" had not emerged.

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He was sure of one thing: "Next year is going to be an exciting election, because we are at the crossroads of our future."

But while Cojuangco vascillated, Sen. Loren Legarda has finally declared her intention to run for vice president next year.

Legarda made the announcement in the heels of reports that President Macapagal-Arroyo would bare her plans for 2004 in her State of the Nation Address tomorrow.

At a dinner with reporters Friday night, Legarda said: "I have a lot of options at this point. But my inclination is to run for higher office . . . likely for vice president." She is expected to make a formal announcement in the next few weeks.

The Senate majority leader said she made her decision after consultations with various sectors.

"I have been going around the country for the last five years," said Legarda. But she refused to confirm if she would be Ms Macapagal's running mate.

She said she had received offers from virtually all shades of the political spectrum. "So I don't think I need to run as an independent (candidate) because there are solid offers from various political parties."

But she stressed: "I don't think there will be a need to bolt the ruling party because I'm confident that (my party mates) see and appreciate my credentials and performance in the past five years."

As for a possible head-on collision with her fellow ABS-CBN broadcaster, Sen. Noli De Castro, she said: "I don't know his plans."

Like Cojuangco, she predicted that next year's polls would be "exciting." But her reason was that at least four presidentiables had already declared their intentions to run. *With Michael Lim Ubac*

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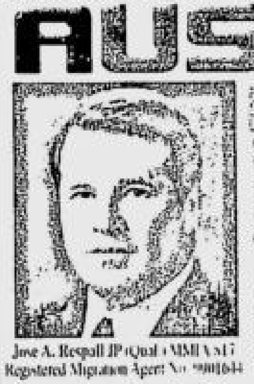

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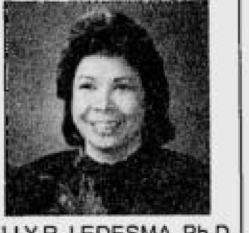

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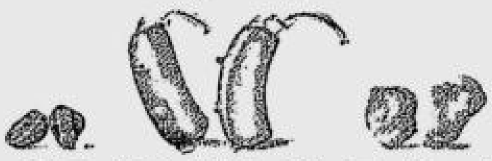

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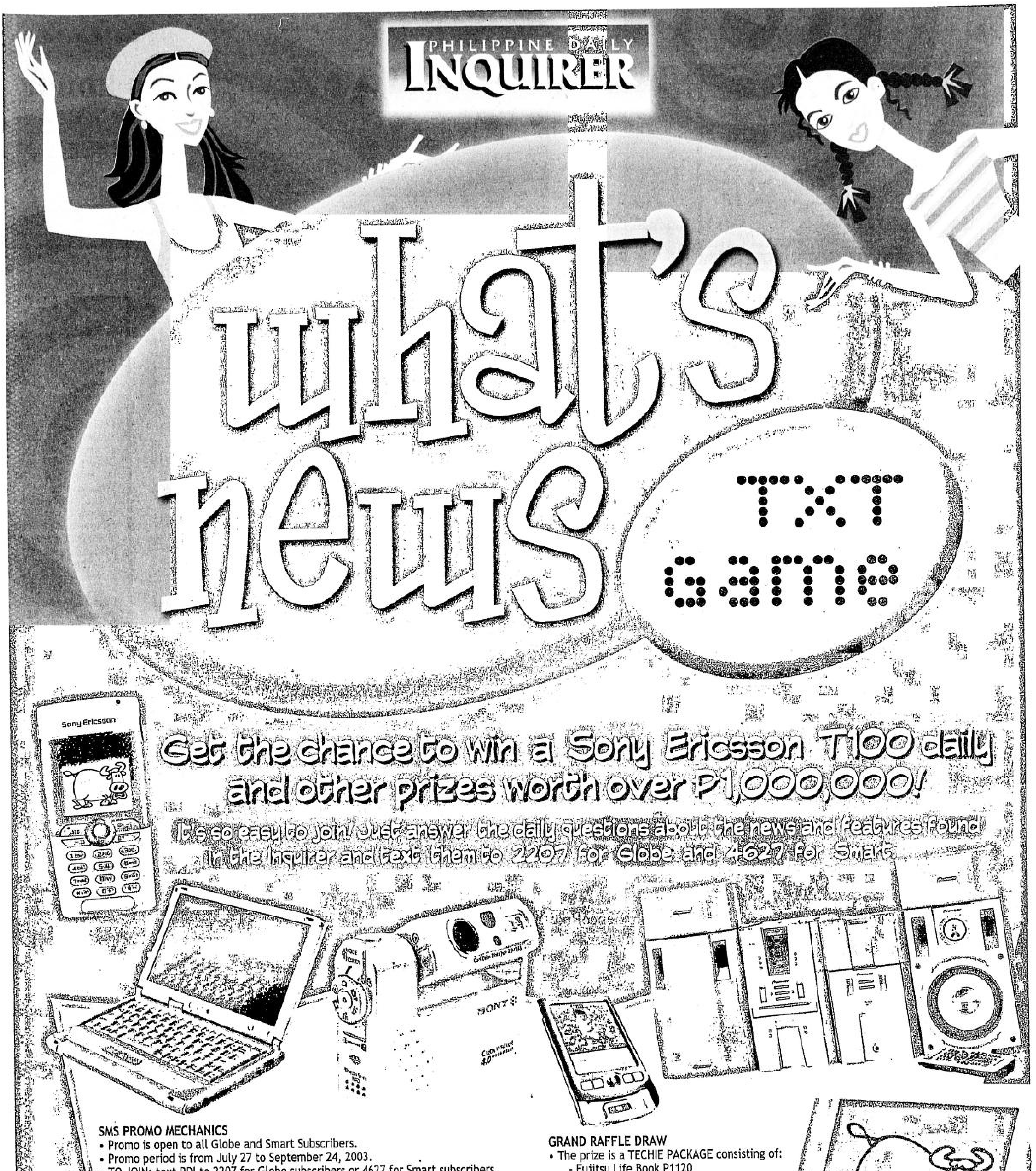

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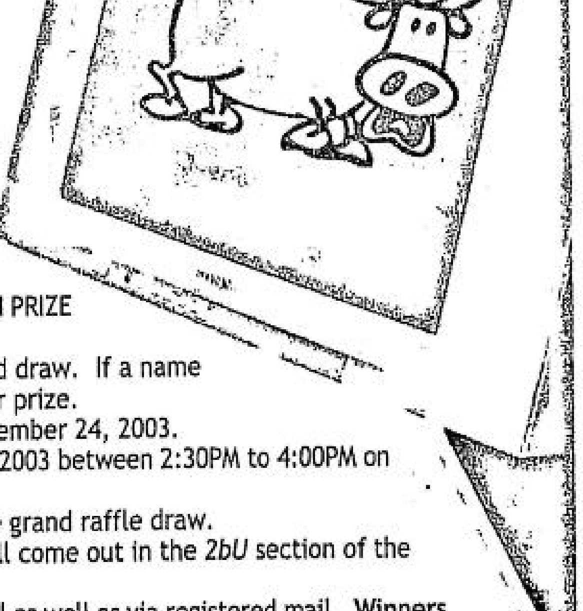

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Disabled Pinoys able to reap Unesco honor

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE UNITED Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has named the Earthsavers Dreams Ensemble, a group of "physically and economically" disabled performers, as Unesco Artists for Peace.

Earthsavers, organized by Cecile Guidote-Alvarez, is the first group in the Philippines and only the second in the Asia-Pacific region to be accorded such an honor.

But, "It is the first in the world to be honored whose artists are physically and economically handicapped but transformed into 'able disabled,'" Alvarez said.

The Unesco certificate read: "The Earthsavers Dreams Ensemble are hereby collectively designated Unesco Artists for Peace in recognition of their dedication to the organization's aims and ideals and their contribution, through the performing arts, to the propagation and promotion of Unesco's message of peace, tolerance and hope."

Unesco Director General Koichiro Matsuhura said the recognition should encourage the group to promote Unesco's ideals and message to the world.

Matsura recalled witnessing a performance by the group when he visited the country last year. Alvarez said Matsuhura was impressed and even hugged the children.

Past Unesco honorees include singers Celine Dion and Shirley Bassey, Korean soprano Sayon Camara and Brazilian actress Patricia Velasquez.

The Earthsavers Dreams Ensemble is composed of 50 blind, deaf and mute poor people aged 6 to 36. The group includes Muslim, T'boli, Manobo and Ifugao tribesmen and women.

It is the artistic arm of the Earthsavers Movement that Alvarez and her husband, former Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez, now the presidential adviser on overseas Filipinos, founded after returning from US exile in 1987.

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Militants say why they're not 'dancing in streets'

"WHAT is there to celebrate? Why ask us to dance when your beloved President is all set to run?"

This was the mocking response from officials of the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan to the rhetorical question that Catholic Bishop Socrates Villegas raised on Friday in his homily, during a Mass attended by pro-administration groups Code-NGO (Caucus of Development-NGO Network) and Kilusang 12:30.

Villegas wondered why there was "no dancing in the streets" despite the Philippine courts' two landmark decisions benefiting thousands of farmers and human rights victims.

"We have the highest unemployment rate in Asia, one of the highest poverty rates, one of the highest electricity rates, a most corrupt police force that just let loose the country's most coveted terrorist prisoner, and Villegas wants us to dance for joy?" Teodoro Casiño, Bayan secretary general, asked back in a statement yesterday.

"Bishop Villegas is mistaken if he attributes to the Macapagal administration the so-called five major victories. Most, if not all of these positive events happened in spite of the Macapagal administration," Casino said.

He was referring to the Sandiganbayan's decisions on the coconut levy funds, the Supreme Court's ruling on the Marcos Swiss deposits, the Senate upholding a constitutional convention to amend the 1987 Charter, the Comelec's pushing through with poll computerization, and the progress in the government's "lifesytle check" campaign.

Casino said: "What was President Macapagal's role in the recovery of the Marcos ill-gotten wealth? None. What was her role in the coco levy issue? None."

He scoffed at Code-NGO and Kilusang 12:30 for living "in another planet" and being Ms Macapagal's "overpaid deodorants."

'True' Sona

When the President delivers her State of the Nation Address (Sona) tomorrow at the House of Representatives, a huge rally aimed at revealing what the organizers believe is the "true" state of the nation will be held in Quezon City.

Casino issued an "open invitation" to all "neglected and disgruntled" military and police officers. Welcome to join the mass action, he said, were "genuinely patriotic" soldiers and those "who have long-standing grievances."

Theme of the rally, which is expected to draw about 30,000 people led by the militant workers' group Kilusang Mayo Uno, will be: "GMA, *galit na ang masa, tumakbo ka na*(the masses are angry; start running)!"

As highlight of the program, which the protesters hope they can hold in front of the Sandiganbayan, leaders of the participating groups will run after a 17-foot effigy of Ms Macapagal.

"This will be a nationally coordinated action," KMU public information officer Mao Hermitanio said, enumerating rallies in Baguio, Pampanga, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, Mindoro, Bicol, Cebu, Panay, Negros and Samar; and the urban centers in Mindanao—Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, and Gen. Santos.

The militant groups from Southern Tagalog said they were joining because Ms Macapagal was to deliver "her last Sona."

Authorities earlier announced that the "no permit, no rally" rule would be implemented tomorrow, but Hermitanio said this would not dampen the efforts. "We want it to be peaceful," she said.

Casiño assured the public it would also be "colorful." He said the fears of Metro Manila police director Gen. Reynaldo Velasco were unfounded, and that "they would be wasting precious public funds for anti-riot operations (involving) 7,000 cops." *Delfin T. Mallari Jr. and Clarice Colting, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Martin P. Marfil, Jerome Aning; Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau; and PDI Mindanao Bureau*

CELEBRATE READING

Kenkoy, the longest-running original Filipino comics character, was cited during the recent celebration of National Children's. Book Day by the Philippine Board on Books for Young People at the Museo Pambata. The INQUIRER's Junior Inquirer also received a special citation "for gifting children with a magazine they can call their own..." In the top photo, Kenkoy actor Manolo Silayan and Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz flank a likeness of the cartoon hero; while in the bottom picture, from left, Luis Gatmaitan, Emily Abrera, Barbara Gonzales and Karina Bolasco share a moment after Gonzales, as guest speaker, told of her love of reading, a habit she began in childhood.

Marcoses 'very sad' over P38-B loss, says Imee

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TAFT, Eastern Samar—Ilocos Rep. Imee Marcos has admitted that her family felt "very sad" about the Supreme Court's recent decision placing under government control P38 billion in alleged ill-gotten Marcos money.

"The family, especially my mother (former first lady Imelda Marcos), was very, very sad about the outcome of this case," she told the INQUIRER on Thursday night. "*Di pa napapag-usapan kung ano ang gagawin* (we haven't discussed what to do next)."

Marcos, however, suspected the ruling had political underpinnings, having been released about 10 months before the 2004 elections. "*Binubuhay na naman nila dahil sa darating na* elections (They're reviving the issue because of the coming elections)," she said, referring to her family's political enemies. "*Tila nauuso na naman kami* (It seems we are in fashion again)."

The Supreme Court last week declared the Marcos funds, formerly deposited in Swiss bank accounts, had been ill-gotten, and forfeited it in favor of the government.

Imee, who was here as guest of Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan for the town fiesta yesterday, said allegations that her family had amassed wealth during the 20-year rule of her father, Ferdinand Marcos, were "old and rehashed."

The congresswoman admitted that she was "seriously considering" running for senator next year. She claimed that public response to the possibility was positive.

"I've been going around the country, and I am very, very well-received *naman*," she said.

The positive feedback during her recent provincial sorties was an indication that the people had been "enlightened" about her father's rule, Imee said. "Maybe the past 17 or 18 years has (shown them) that things were not so bad after all during the Marcos era."

Hundreds of thousands of Filipinos fell victim to human rights abuses during the late dictator's time.

In Eastern Visayas, about 2,000 victims were listed by the Karapatan-Katungod and Task Force Detainees. Among them was Jose Cala who was only 15 in 1980 when he was imprisoned for one year and two months in Baybay, Leyte, on accusations of subversion and inciting to rebellion.

Now 42 and working with a non-government organization and a local newspaper, Cala said he could never forget how members of the Philippine Constabulary tortured him during his detention. Money would not compensate for his suffering, he told the INQUIRER.

"I'm not after money," he said. "The Marcoses and their allies should be punished. What is more important to me is justice for all the victims."

Texts urge BIR ranks to slow collections

By Clarissa S. Batino

TEXT messages have been circulating urging employees of the Bureau of Internal Revenue to slow down on their collections and stage paralyzing demonstrations to protest the lifestyle check and subsequent "trial by publicity" conducted on three of the agency's senior officials.

BIR Assistant Commissioner Percival Salazar, president of the BIR Employees Association and one of the three officials tagged in the lifestyle check, was quick to deny his group had anything to do with the text messages.

The BIR collects between 70 and 80 percent of the government's annual revenues from taxes.

The 11,000 officers and employees of the BIR could slow down collections if they wanted to, like they did during the term of Commissioner Rene Bañez, whose reforms at the agency the ranks strongly opposed.

Salazar, BIR Assistant Commissioner Edwin Abella, retired BIR Regional Director Lucien Sayuno and Bureau of Customs warehousing chief Manuel Valencia were charged on July 21 before the Ombudsman with graft for allegedly having properties not commensurate with their stated assets and liabilities.

All four earned less than P25,000 per month but had cash and properties worth millions, according to the Department of Finance's internal affairs unit which investigated the officials.

"Our group has assured BIR Commissioner (Guillermo) Parayno that we will not support any of these negative moves. We are only requesting that the Department of Finance not subject us to trial by publicity," said Salazar in an interview.

Salazar said all the BIREA had wanted was for the affected parties to be given a chance to air their side at the DOF before the cases were filed with the Ombudsman.

"*Kung* hot na hot *talaga sila, e ang* request *lang namin ay idiretso sa* Ombudsman *at wag idaan sa dyaryo* (If they are really hot, then we request that they take it straight to the Ombudsman and not to the press). In that way we are given due process," added the assistant commissioner.

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Public works chief's suspension sought

By Armand N. Nocum

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman is seeking the suspension of Public Works Secretary Florante Soriquez because of the graft charges he is facing in the P2.7-billion lahar megadike "scam" in San Fernando, Pampanga.

But Soriquez—the highest government official facing graft charges before the Sandiganbayan—was optimistic he would remain in office because of President Macapagal-Arroyo's "confidence" in him.

"She may feel sorry for me, but she has enough faith in me to keep me in the Cabinet," Soriquez told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview.

In a separate telephone interview, however, Ombudsman Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio said the decision to suspend Soriquez would rest with the anti-graft court.

"The court is going to issue the suspension on the matter. This is the administrative side of the prosecution," he said, adding that the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act provides for "suspension" following the filing of an information in court.

He said the decision to suspend Soriquez would be handed down after a hearing on Monday by the Sandiganbayan's Fifth Division, before which the case is being heard.

A criminal case was filed against Soriquez and several others after a portion of the Pampanga megadike was breached.

Soriquez had overseen construction of the megadike as the director of the Mt. Pinatubo Rehabilitation Project Management Office of the DPWH. Actual construction was done by Atlantic Erectors Inc.

In the case filed on Dec. 6, 1996, Soriquez was accused of allowing the contractor to "disregard" and "deviate" from the plans and specifications of the contract, which was worth P38,289,708, resulting in the "collapse of a substantial portion of the transverse dike."

Also accused were DPWH officials Rey David, Ulysis Manago, Juan Gonzales and Gil Rivera and Atlantic Erector officers Ariel Lim, Alberto Toelengco, Neil Allan Mary and Remigio Angtia.

In the "motion to suspend pendente lite," Special Prosecution Officer II Cicero D. Jurado Jr. also cited Section 13 of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, which makes the suspension of public officials facing graft charges "mandatory."

"The prosecution maintains the information is valid and invoking the mandate of the law and jurisprudence, suspension of the accused pending litigation is mandatory," Jurado said in the July 23 motion.

But Soriquez denied direct involvement in the construction of the megadike, saying his job was merely "ministerial" in nature.

"I have been made a scapegoat and the President knows this," he said.

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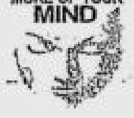
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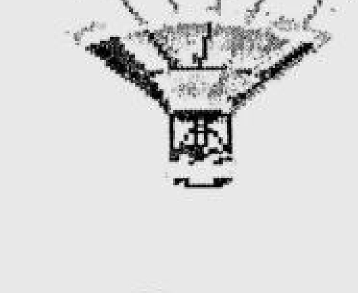

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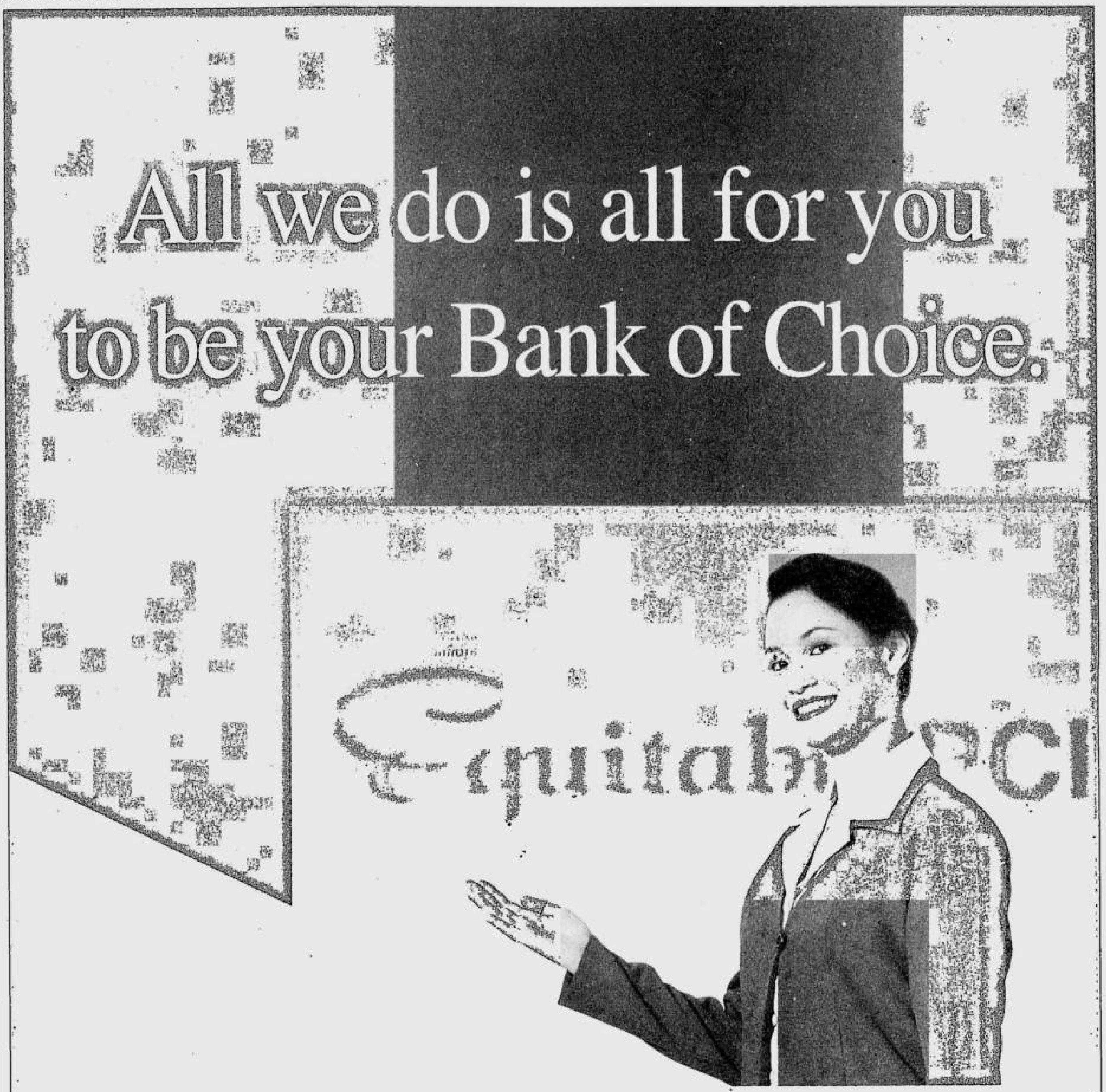
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Unfair trade

EDITORIAL

IN THE LAST few weeks, print ads sounding the alarm on globalization have been appearing in the country's newspapers. We can expect even more of the same in the next few weeks, as the world prepares for the "development round" of world trade talks to resume in Cancun, Mexico in September.

The advertisements ask a pointed question: Do the country's economic managers and trade negotiators know what is truly at stake? This much is clear: the fate of the country's agriculture sector, which accounts for one out of every five pesos generated by the domestic economy, hangs in the balance.

Let's take the production of corn, as an example. In the first quarter of this year, the country's corn growers raised P3.2 billion worth of corn (in constant 1985 pesos). This was up 22 percent over the P2.6 billion raised in the first quarter of 2002. This sounds like an unqualified improvement, and in its limited context it is. But the country's own crop competes against US-bred corn, which according to the International Herald Tribune is dumped on the world markets at "only two-thirds the cost of production." How is this possible? For one thing, "American corn growers have received an astonishing $34.5 billion in taxpayer support" since 1995. Thus, the match-up between Filipino and US corn growers is, to use a bit of local sports lingo that is neither strictly Filipino nor strictly English, "no match."

The year 1995 marked the start of the World Trade Organization, which regulates the practice of free trade in an increasingly global economy. In theory, nations can compete fairly and successfully against one another by capitalizing on their comparative advantage. In that theory, a Filipino farmer using traditional methods and suffering from the lack of, say, farm-to-market roads can still compete in a foreign market or thrive in his own by leveraging his cheap labor to his advantage. In other words, he can afford to sell his goods at a lower price because he enjoys lower production costs.

The simplicity of that vision helped make converts of the Ramos administration, who predicted that entry into the WTO (the Philippines is a charter member) would result in hundreds of thousands of new farming jobs every year. That has not happened. In the one year between January 2001 and January 2002, for example, the number of farmers, forestry workers and fishermen in the country dropped by 13,000, to 6.266 million.

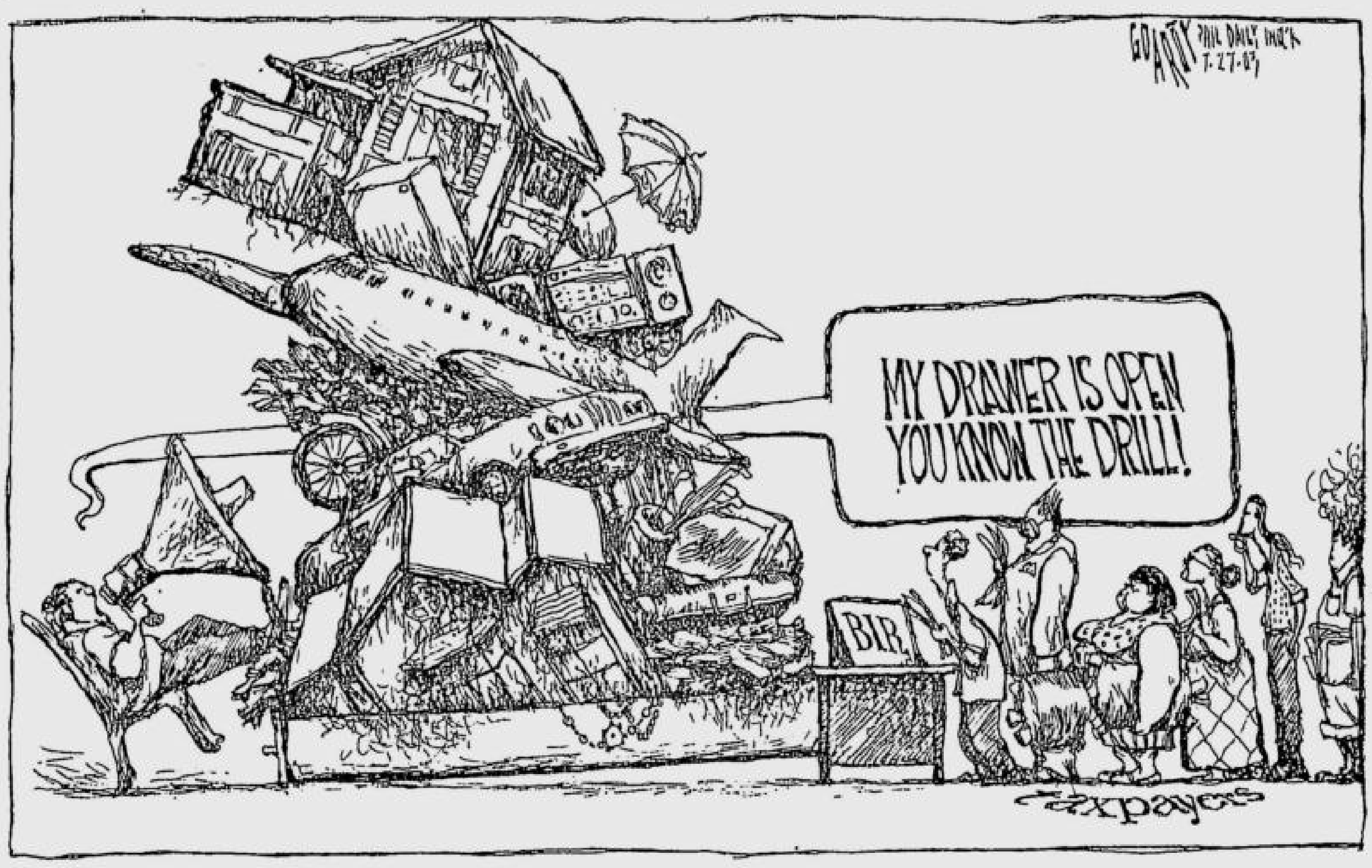
The reason lies, not so much in the gospel of free trade and open markets that is this era's new orthodoxy, but in the high priests of capitalism, who preach one thing and practice another.

The developed world—essentially the United States, Western Europe and Japan, although countries like Australia also play a role in the rites—pays lip service to the commandment that all economies open up all kinds of markets to the free flow of goods and information from around the world. In practice, however, the United States, Europe and Japan spend a staggering $320 billion a year on farm subsidies. That makes their agricultural products artificially, even criminally cheaper in markets they had forced open.

That is not all. The developed world does not exactly welcome agricultural imports. To cite only one example, the New York Times reported that Vietnamese catfish exporters have had to struggle against non-trade barriers in the United States that are as creative as they are cruel—such as hostile advertising from the Catfish Farmers of America denouncing catfish that "float around in Third World rivers nibbling on who knows what," and unfair, unscientific legislation declaring that, out of about 2,000 catfish types, only the American family of catfish could be called commercially by that name.

Is it any wonder then, that from the corn lands of Mindanao to the catfish traps in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam, to the cotton farms of West and Central Africa, the developed economies, and especially the United States, are reaping a harvest of poverty and ill will?

The "development round" of the World Trade Organization talks can only be considered successful if the industrialized countries agree to dismantle their barriers to agricultural imports and cut down on their subsidies. Anything short of that would be a disaster.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Sluggish administration of justice

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

AN ANONYMOUS reader complains about the delay in the resolution of his case before the Third Division of the Sandiganbayan and asks me to write about it. He says several informations were filed against him 20 years ago and all but one have been dismissed. The remaining case was submitted for decision more than three years ago but continues to hang over his head like a sword of Damocles. He is now 80 years old.

He gives no further details, but if his complaint is true, his lawyer should have done something about it years ago. Maybe counsel is also sleeping like that slumbering case. The right to a speedy trial is guaranteed by the Constitution but is often violated by the courts, including the Supreme Court, at the instance of indolent or scheming lawyers.

As early as in the landmark case of Conde v. Rivera, 45 Phil. 650, decided in 1924, Justice Malcolm had dismissed the five cases against a poor midwife who was made to "dance attendance on the courts" with no less than eight postponements of her trial during a one-year period. That lesson has, however, been largely ignored in many other cases.

In Cojuangco v. Sandiganbayan, 300 SCRA 367, for example, the Supreme Court held that the respondent court had unduly sat on the petitioner's motion to dismiss the criminal case against him. All the required pleadings had already been submitted since more than one year before. The recent decision holding that the coconut levy funds belong to the government and not to him is cause for elation. But it was rendered only after a delay of 16 years.

The Estrada trial before the Sandiganbayan is now being blocked by the shenanigans of the defense panel. Earlier, one of its members had boasted that he could delay the proceedings by as long as five years, and he appears to be succeeding. The court should not forget that due process protects not only the accused but also the government.

Delay is the best strategy of the shyster against his client's certain conviction. If he cannot save him from the gallows, he can at least postpone his execution. Not a few persons facing criminal charges may never see the inside of a prison cell because they will die before their cases are finally decided. The lawyers will take care of the delay and the doctors will do the rest.

The cases against the suspects who never had it so good during the martial law regime were filed many years ago but are still gathering dust in the dockets of our courts. Those who fled with Marcos during Edsa I to escape prosecution by the new government have quietly returned but remain free, and some are even celebrated.

Eduardo Cojuangco is back in business and remains head of the San Miguel Corp. despite his loss of the coconut levy funds. A year or so ago, some criminal cases against Kokoy Romualdez, whose daughter had a fabulous wedding at their haven in Paris, were dropped on some procedural ground. Fabian Ver, who also escaped the people's wrath, is dead, and buried with him is the secret of Ninoy's assassination.

In the Tabuena case, two officials of the Manila International Airport Administration were convicted by the Sandiganbayan for failure to account for the sum of P55 million in public funds. The Supreme Court absolved them on the ground that they had delivered it to Marcos "in obedience to a lawful order" of their superior. Marcos had no authority to collect the amount and issued no receipt for it. But the majority held that the accused had acted in good faith.

If memory serves, not a single one of those who raided the national treasury during the dictatorship has been called to account for his malversations. Many of them are still enjoying their loot with not even a stint of remorse, let alone penance for their sins. If cases have been filed against them, they continue to sleep the sleep of the unjust with the connivance of the courts.

The principal beneficiary of the inaction of our courts on the cases against the cohorts of the Marcos dictatorship is Imelda Marcos. She was convicted of graft and corruption in one case by the Sandiganbayan but was acquitted in a dubious decision rendered by the Supreme Court. The majority justices had personal links with the deposed government and owed it past favors.

After 17 years, the Supreme Court has finally forfeited to the government the P26 billion ill-gotten wealth deposited by the Marcoses in secret Swiss bank accounts. But this may be only the tip of the iceberg. According to former Solicitor General Frank Chavez, there are other bigger deposits that will expose more of their thievery.

There are other pending civil and criminal cases that may be decided against Imelda Marcos, with a less indulgent Supreme Court affirming her conviction. But this can happen only if they are awakened from their long repose and tried expeditiously at last after the languor of the years. That is, before death overtakes the aging accused and exonerates her on a technicality.

Person in a crowd

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

SOMEONE observed that in pre-war Iraq, the women always walked behind their husbands. After the war, the men started walking behind the women. A Western reporter asked an Iraqi man why. Was it because of some kind of a conversion, or a realization about women's rights? The Iraqi man's response? Land mines!

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It is precisely this playing safe and "what's in-it-for-me" attitude of the crowd that Jesus had to fight in today's Gospel (Jn. 6, 1-15). The vast crowd that followed was out to get something, anything from Jesus. It was a crowd of demanding, selfish, uncaring, grasping, greedy and nameless people who wanted to see more signs and miracles. But it was not they who helped make the miracle of the multiplication of the bread to happen. It was a boy, a person in the crowd who was willing to part with his five barley loaves and two fishes, that saved the day.

Are you part of a crowd, living a life of getting and grabbing day in and day out for so many years now? When will you put a stop to your endless and strenuous pursuit of your worldly dreams and ambitions? When will you get real and really start giving? When will you stand up as a person with a decision, and not just someone in a crowd, acting out of greed and compulsion?

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Thank God, there were no politicians among the disciples of Jesus, except one, Judas. Oh, how they have used and manipulated the crowd for their selfish interests and ambitions. It is sad that in this country of ours, wise and cunning so-called leaders capitalize on the innocence and ignorance of the people to promote their own political and personal agenda. It is doubly sad that money and popularity have become the bottom line, and that "winnability" has become the criterion in our choice of leaders.

I still believe that there are real persons out there who are willing to sacrifice and really serve our country and our people. Please stand up, and be shot down. Please stand up, and be counted as one more victim of intrigues and foul play. Please stand up anyway, and like the boy in today's Gospel, make a difference in the crowd, for the crowd.

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The boy was five loaves and two fishes poorer at end of today's Gospel. We still have to see a politician who is poorer at the end of his term. We still have to see a politician really sacrifice, and really give. What we see are politicians with big bellies who, like the crowd, have had their fill, with lots of leftovers, and who at the end of the story, still want to have more!

Dear Lord, help us! Deliver us from crocodiles! Give us good leaders in our land.

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Jesus teaches us today that one of the traits of a good leader is the ability to withdraw, to forego and to be hidden. They wanted to make Him a king, but he withdrew again to the mountain alone. Any selfish politician would have capitalized on the situation.

You know why we cannot find true leaders in our country? Because we keep looking for them in the crowd. They're not there—not in the present crowd anyway. Look farther. Look deeper. We must see beyond the crowd. This, we can do if we also are not part of a crowd. We must go back to our hearts, to our knees in our search for true leaders.

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I can't help but wonder what happened to the boy afterwards. Did they make him a barangay captain? Did he put up a bakery after that? Or perhaps go into a multiplication table business? We don't hear anything about him afterwards.

My guess is that he did not join the crowd. So touched by the miracle and by the person of Jesus, he too must have withdrawn from the crowd and continued to be a person who made a difference, in whatever crowd. He remained a person, even in a crowd.

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All of us have our crowd. There will always be a crowd. Let us continue to be persons, even in a crowd. How? By knowing how to distance ourselves from the crowd through prayer and soul searching. Let us continue to be our own persons, outside a crowd.

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Recently, Councilor Jean Sison was tasked to prepare 11,000 sandwiches for the people of Urdaneta, Pangasinan. It took about 30 people, working non-stop from Monday night till the afternoon of Tuesday, to get it done. One can imagine their fatigue, their weariness. It required motivation, management, energy and, of course, time.

As long as one knows the reason and sees the mission, a person will never be lost in, or overwhelmed by, the crowd. What makes you a person in a crowd? The heart. That's where God keeps you, so you will always be a person, never a crowd to God. May we too continue to see persons in the crowd.

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The XVDs, an association of ex-SVD seminarians, and their wives are sponsoring an art exhibit for our missionaries from Sept. 4 to 14, at the Mission Office, Christ the King Seminary, E. Rodriguez Blvd., Quezon City, headed by Mayor Ching Valera and Dr. Alma Figueras. Invest for eternity by buying paintings to help our missionaries out there.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to be and to remain a person, even in a crowd. Amen.

Why the military intervenes in politics

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

A FEW years back, Asiaweek magazine (which has since folded) celebrated its 20th year of publication. One of the features of the milestone issue was a specially commissioned essay by former President Fidel V. Ramos.

For those who missed it, particularly our friends in the military, both active and retired, there were a number of interesting points raised by General Ramos which I think are worth recalling in the light of current events and rumors mostly unfounded.

The essay started with a question and an answer: "Why does the military ever intervene in politics? The Harvard scholar Samuel Huntington provides the classic reply: What draws the soldier into the political arena is not his own strength but rather the weakness of the political system."

Ramos said, "This was the reason why in February 1986, I myself joined as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces in a mutiny against the strongman Ferdinand E. Marcos. The corruption, elitism and incompetence of his regime had so weakened the Philippine state, it became vulnerable to a communist insurgency and a Muslim secessionist movement."

Perhaps the same could be said of past military interventions in a number of countries in the region. The threat of a communist takeover coupled with the assassination of a number of senior generals of the Indonesian army brought a relatively unknown general, Suharto, to the presidency of his nation. Widespread corruption and the incompetence of civilian officials led to a military coup by Gen. Park Chung Hee in South Korea. From time to time, the Royal Thai Armed Forces have intervened in the affairs of government under the same circumstances.

I recall that when I was assigned at the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok in the '60s, the coups staged by the Royal Thai Armed Forces were models of efficiency and restraint, virtually bloodless with minimum disruptions in the life of the nation. After military units took up positions at night, the Army radio station would announce, the following morning, the dissolution of the civilian government, and that was it. Of course, some of the later coups were bloody affairs and if not for the influence of the widely revered Thai monarch, would likely have degenerated into civil war.

In all cases, the soldiers were drawn into politics mainly because the existing system was too weak to defend itself from opposing internal forces or could not deliver in terms of the basic needs and aspirations of its people.

Ramos continued in his essay, "When it came time for me to try for the presidency, I did so with scrupulous regard for constitutional processes. I resigned as defense secretary in July 1991 and campaigned all over the archipelago with Mrs. Aquino's support but without the backing of a major party. Amazingly for a non-politician, I won a plurality of the votes in a field of seven candidates in the presidential elections of May 1992."

Whatever his political opponents may say on Ramos' watch, the nation made progress in terms of economic growth as well as political stability as civil institutions were developed and strengthened. Even the venerable Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore paid him the supreme compliment of expressing surprise and satisfaction at the progress attained by the Philippines under the Ramos administration. And Asiaweek reported that "the biggest turnaround story of 1994 is the Philippines."

President Ramos also spoke of the Philippine Military Academy: "As elsewhere in East Asia, the Philippine military is the stepping stone to upward mobility for bright young men from poor families. The valedictorian of the Class of 1993 of our Military Academy, now Army captain Rommel Cordova, is the son of a Cebu policeman. That of the Class of 1994, now Air Force captain Genaro Menor, is the son of a mechanic from Benguet Province." The top man of the Class of 1995 was Cadet Gerardo Gambala, now an army captain and the son of a plumber who worked for San Miguel Corp.

Today, members of the classes of 1994 and 1995 are being mentioned as "restive officers hatching destabilization plots against the government." According to various news reports, their gripes center on issues of low pay, housing needs, graft in the AFP, and the leadership style of Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes.

Griping in the armed forces has long been a traditional way of letting off steam. At class reunions and parties, one can hear gripes not just about the low pay or the lack of housing. Class members gripe about their senior officers, about crazy and impractical rules and regulations, about the government, and just about anything under the sun. But it doesn't mean that they are anywhere close to plotting against civil authority. American soldiers are griping openly about their extended stay in Iraq but it doesn't mean they're about to stage mutinies.

On the other hand, the administration should be sensitive to these informal signals. Why should officers and men fighting and dying in Mindanao and other areas in the country get less compensation than members of the police force? Why should salary adjustments take so long when government corporation workers have long been paid fabulous amounts and are able to stage strikes or sit-downs when pushing their demands?

For the government, it should correct these anomalous situations quickly. For the young men of the armed forces, beware of agitators who take advantage of your legitimate concerns in order to advance their own agenda.

Fathers and sons

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

FATHERS and sons, the eternal tug-of-war between parental authority and a child's desire for independence, the push-and-pull of protective instincts and the search of adventure—all these are themes of two upcoming movies featured in a recent Columbia press preview.

"The Debut," a "coming-of-age" movie by a Filipino-American production company featuring a cast of young Fil-Am actors and established local stars, focuses on the struggle of Ben Mercado (Dante Basco) not just to establish his own identity and pursue his own dreams but also to reconcile both his heritage and ethnic identity with his desire to "blend into" American society. In this struggle to find himself and to know what or who he really is, Ben must contend with the figure of his father Roland (Tirso Cruz III) who gave up his own dreams to pursue a better life for his children. Having abandoned his original ambition as a band singer, Roland settles into the safe existence of a postal worker while nursing grander ambitions for his children, but especially for Ben, whom he hopes will be a doctor and thereby "redeem" him in the eyes of his tyrannical father (Eddie Garcia).

The simmering conflicts between generations, and Ben's warring loyalties to family, friends, race and environment, all come together in a single night, the night of the debut of his sister Rose (the lovely Bernadette Balagtas). In a single night, Ben confronts his father's past in the person of his grandfather, puts to a test his hierarchy of loyalties—friends or family, Filipinos or Americans—and even develops a budding romance with his sister's best friend Annabelle (Joy Bisco).

Though seen largely through Ben's eyes, the night of the debut also turns into a showcase of the Filipino-American lifestyle, a "cultural stew" of Filipino food, traditional dances, social one-upmanship, family loyalties, enduring friendships, and the more volatile elements emerging from the attempts of young people from a minority culture to carve out their own niche while winning the dominant culture's acceptance and respect.

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THE RELATIONSHIP between Marlin and Nemo, the father-and-son pair of clown fish in "Finding Nemo," is not as complex and fraught with tension as that between the Mercado men, but its evolution is just as touching and emotional.

The movie, conceived by director and co-screenwriter Andrew Stanton after a visit to Marine World may have, as Pixar's John Lasseter says, "pushed things beyond anything Pixar has done before," but the technical effects are, thankfully, subsumed in service of the story and the characters.

Marlin is an obsessive, over-protective and even slightly neurotic father who devotes his life to looking after Nemo after losing his mate in a barracuda attack. His greatest fears are realized when Nemo, in a burst of rebellion, ventures into open sea and is captured by a scuba diver.

The rest of the movie is a road tale of how Marlin, with the help of a blue tang named Dory who suffers from "short term memory loss," swims his way to Sydney, confronting sharks, mines, jelly fish and ravenous sea gulls, to find Nemo and bring him safely home. Meantime, Nemo wakes up in the strange world of a dentist's aquarium, inhabited by an assortment of sea creatures, and discovers, with the help of Gill, a survivor from the open sea like him, his potentials and abilities which had remained untested beneath the protective fins of his father.

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IT'S really astounding how a computer-animation film could also turn out to be such a moving exploration of the parent-child relationship, a meditation on the conflict between generations that centers on the new generation's struggle for autonomy and the older one's yearning for stability and familiarity.

It also helps, of course, that the voices are provided by a talented cast: Albert Brooks who brings just the right amount of paranoia to Marlin's persona, Ellen de Generes who is excellent as the ditzy Dory, and Willem Dafoe as the wizened, battle-scarred Gill who never completely abandons his dream of returning to the wild blue ocean. Alexander Gould, a 9-year-old actor, capably holds his own against the roster of renowned veterans.

The world of the open sea, and of the ocean depths populated by an amazing variety of life forms, is brought to life with such realistic detail one often forgets one is watching an animated film and not an underwater documentary. But what keep our attention riveted are the story and the characters, including such interesting cameos as Bruce the shark and head of the "fish eaters anonymous" club and Crush, the "surfer dude" sea turtle who teaches Marlin that it is the good father who learns to let go.

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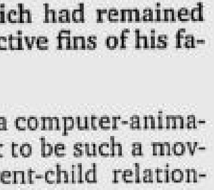
"FINDING NEMO" was a huge hit in the United States and I can foresee it enjoying hefty profits at the box office here. I'm not so optimistic about the chances of "The Debut" though, even if it has done respectable business in the independent film circuit around the United States and has won awards at various film festivals.

The reason may be that, save for Tirso Cruz III, Gina Alajar (as Ben's mom) and Eddie Garcia, the stars of the movie are largely unknown to the local audience. Dante Basco may strike a familiar chord though, for he played the leader of the "Lost Boys" in Steven Spielberg's "Peter Pan" remake "Hook."

But if you're curious at all about how Filipino-Americans try to bridge the distances of space, time and upbringing, then "The Debut" should provide many answers and insights. I must congratulate Columbia Pictures for taking the risk and jumping into murky waters by agreeing to distribute "The Debut" commercially here. May they find their own "Nemo" by way of satisfying grosses.

The price of pride



PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

HAVANA. Cuba is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the historic July 26th attack on the Moncada barracks, the failed assault that paved the way for the 1959 revolution and Cuba's accidental journey toward a swinging socialism. Yet the mood in Havana is far from celebratory, not only because the main ceremonies are being held in far away Santiago de Cuba, the country's first capital and the acknowledged birthplace of the revolution, but also because Havana today is going through an interesting and uncertain phase that is bound to shape the future of Cuban socialism.

All eyes are focused on Fidel Castro, the man the CIA had tried to kill more than 600 times. America may have given up trying to assassinate him, but it hasn't ceased wishing his early death. In its eyes, it is Fidel alone who keeps the Cuban socialist project alive. If he dies, so will the foolish utopianism of its fallen hero, Che Guevara. Che's handsome face may continue to live on T-shirts and caps, but the experiment he has come to symbolize will surely come to an end. That is the American expectation.

For the longest time, the US wish has been for Cuba to implode beneath the weight of its own systemic inefficiencies. One does not have to look deep to see abundant evidence of the systemic problems of Cuban socialism. Queues are an integral feature of the daily life of every Cuban. They line up for hours for food and basic necessities, for transportation, and even for the summer pleasure of a cup of ice cream.

Cubans are intrepid hitch-hikers. The young attractive women who thumb rides in the fashionable district of Miramar are united in their socialist need with their peasant brethren in Pinar del Rio. If a Cuban goes anywhere, she must be ready to sit either on the leather seats of a foreigner's Mercedes or on the bare steel floor of a local hauler's truck.

The government calls this extraordinary time the "Special Period," a time of austerity, patience, and sacrifice, but also a time for adaptive loosening of government controls. It began with the collapse of the Soviet Union, on whose solidarity Cuba had depended since the 1960s, after the US embargo effectively cut the island off from the circuits of global trade.

From 1990 onwards, Cuba has had to raise hard currency to pay for whatever it needed, oil being the first of these needs. Little by little, the government opened its doors to international tourism, only to find that existing government-owned facilities were grossly inadequate to meet the surge in demand. To remedy the situation, Cuba began allowing its citizens to offer tourists food and accommodation in their homes on a limited basis. And reluctantly, in 1994, the government legalized the use of the American dollar as medium of exchange.

The immediate consequence of this is, to no one's surprise, a dual economy—one that transacts in low-value Cuban pesos, and another that trades strictly in American dollars. Domestic prices for Cuban nationals are incredibly low, but beyond basic goods, there is hardly anything to buy. Dollar prices for tourists and the foreign community, on the other hand, are ridiculously high, but almost everything is available to anyone with greenbacks. The net result of this is the overnight return of a dollar-wielding class.

At the Hotel Nacional, one may encounter a lucky Cuban local smoking a high-quality hand-rolled cigar costing more than $10 apiece, which is roughly the monthly salary of an instructor at the University of Havana. A taxi driver who receives an official pay of $10 per month could earn as much as $200 in tips in one month. This would be the salary for one year of a top medical scientist or specialist. Young professionals, with good university degrees and who can speak good English, are naturally flocking to the lucrative tourist sector. This is a waste of talent in a society that boasts of a high-caliber professional sector.

Two schools of thought about the future of Cuban socialism are prevalent in America today. The first says that the best way to erode Fidel Castro's regime is by lifting existing economic sanctions so as to allow Cubans a taste of the possible life under a post-Castro order. The second, George W. Bush's preference, says there is only one way of bringing down the regime, and that is by tightening the sanctions even more until Cubans are compelled by daily hardship to protest the continuation of socialism. The battle cry of the Miami Cubans is "democratization," but what they really want is the return of Cuba to its former status as an American playground.

Fidel Castro's strength does not lie in the repressive apparatus of a police state. It resides rather in a deep sense of history held by many Cubans. They may groan under the weight of a clumsy socialism that is running out of solutions, but Cubans are proud of their freedom. They are proud that they have been able to stand up to the bullying antics of their imperial neighbor. They may even think that Fidel is too old to run the country, but they don't hate the man. Fidel personifies the sovereignty of a small country in a world overrun by American arrogance.

A peek at the Cuban situation is instructive for us Filipinos. We could have been them, and they could have been us. But the parallelisms and the separate routes taken are just so many.

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Cancun or bust

OUR nation, in fact, the whole world is polarizing rapidly. One group says let us fight it out in Cancun, we have no choice. The other says, no more Cancun, it will just worsen things for us.

So where do we turn to? Is it damn if we do and damn if we don't, or is there a light at the end of the tunnel?

COMMENTARY

Bernardo V. Lopez

Cancun in Mexico is where the World Trade Organization 5th ministerial conference will be held in September 2003. This is a major event in the so-called "Doha Round," the second round of a "boxing" match being played out in the WTO ring, where new negotiations on "modalities" or changes to the first round will be addressed. The first round was the Uruguay Round, dominated and manipulated by rich nations to the detriment of poor nations, leaving poor countries poorer.

The logic of the no-Cancun advocates, mostly academicians and activists, is simple: WTO has so far worked against poor nations; therefore, scrap it.

The logic of the yes-Cancun advocates, mostly entrepreneurs of all sizes and shapes trying to keep their heads above water in a shrinking planet, is even simpler: although we are losing the game, there is no choice but to fight it out. No nation can be isolated. Globalization is inevitable. WTO membership is a must. Therefore, we must improve the way we fight, not stop fighting.

The boycott logic of the no-Cancun position has a dangerous implication. If we fail to negotiate for the "modalities" that are to our advantage, then we have no advantage. If we do not join the Doha Round, the status quo, namely, the oppressive Uruguay Round stays in place.

This does not mean the no-Cancun guys have no point. Trade Secretary Mar Roxas says it all, "No deal is better than a bad deal," a strange statement coming from one in charge of our WTO negotiations. But his point is obvious, let us not fight if we do not know how to fight, because we will end up worse than before. So far, we have been fighting in the WTO ring like a blind boxer aimlessly swinging arms at an unseen opponent.

The dilemma is so easy to see, either we lose by not fighting or we lose fighting. A true warrior would rather die fighting. Therefore, the yes-Cancun position may be the better option, but with one condition: We have to get our act together and learn to fight. Easier said than done.

We have been losing the fight in the WTO for two major reasons. First, we have failed to stop the agricultural subsidies of rich countries, an unfair advantage wherein the subsidies trigger surplus production, which in turn trigger dumping in poor countries at prices way below production costs, which in turn trigger the demise of local agricultural products. Thus, our chicken, pork, vegetable, onion, garlic, milk industries have been damaged irreversibly, making us forever more dependent on imports than never before. Ironically, agricultural subsidies were originally conceived as food security in response to famine situations. These days subsidies trigger famine in poor nations.

The second reason we have been losing the WTO game is ourselves. We have failed to be strategic, aggressive and competitive. Rich nations have succeeded in barring the very few exports we could muster due to powerful agricultural lobbies. For instance, our bananas could not get into Australia because of a "safety test" which is taking decades and is still ongoing. Yet, we are a heavy importer of Australian beef.

The hurdles to breach at Cancun are so many.

Hurdle No. 1. Joining negotiations, or sending delegations to Geneva or Singapore, is so expensive, we just are not in a position to do it. We cannot negotiate if we cannot be present, as simple as that.

Hurdle No. 2. We do not have the heart, especially government officials, who are political appointees with political ambitions and without advocacy. They do not have the guts to fight, always opting to be on the defensive, conscious of our compliance yet unmindful of the rich countries' non-compliance, fearful of reprisals, careful not to rock the boat, thus making wrong policies to the detriment of our private sector.

Hurdle No. 3. We do not have the brains. WTO concerns are extremely complex, expressed in a jargon of their own and requiring a lot of legal background. We have only a handful of experts because we cannot afford to send many to Geneva for training.

Most of our businessmen know very little about the WTO to be able to negotiate. Government officials are making the wrong policies because of the lack of knowledge and understanding not only of the complex WTO protocol but also of the actual needs of industry and agricultural sectors.

Hurdle No. 4. There is little teamwork between the government and private sector, unlike in other countries such as Thailand, South Korea, or Brazil. Cooperation may have improved in the agricultural sector where a multisectoral task force is in place. Department of Agriculture officials and private sector people have been working together to address dumping and smuggling, etc. But there are no such multisectoral task force yet in the services area, only sporadic consultations.

The key is a mechanism to bring the public and private sectors together and to allow the latter more active participation in WTO negotiations which are attended mostly by government representatives.

Hurdle No. 5. WTO multilateral agreements are complex and time consuming because the inputs of all must be considered, which also dilutes individual positions. As a result, the pre-WTO practice of simple and quick bilateral agreements have been revived, threatening to erode the mandate of the WTO itself.

There are a dozen or so more hurdles. The bottom line is we have no choice but to fight, and in order to fight, we have to learn to be true warriors.

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THEY SAID

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"Businessmen are generally risk-averse. If your current manager is doing fine in the company, you don't get a replacement."

—Socio-Economic Planning Secretary Romulo Neri on the President seeking another term if people are really clamoring for it

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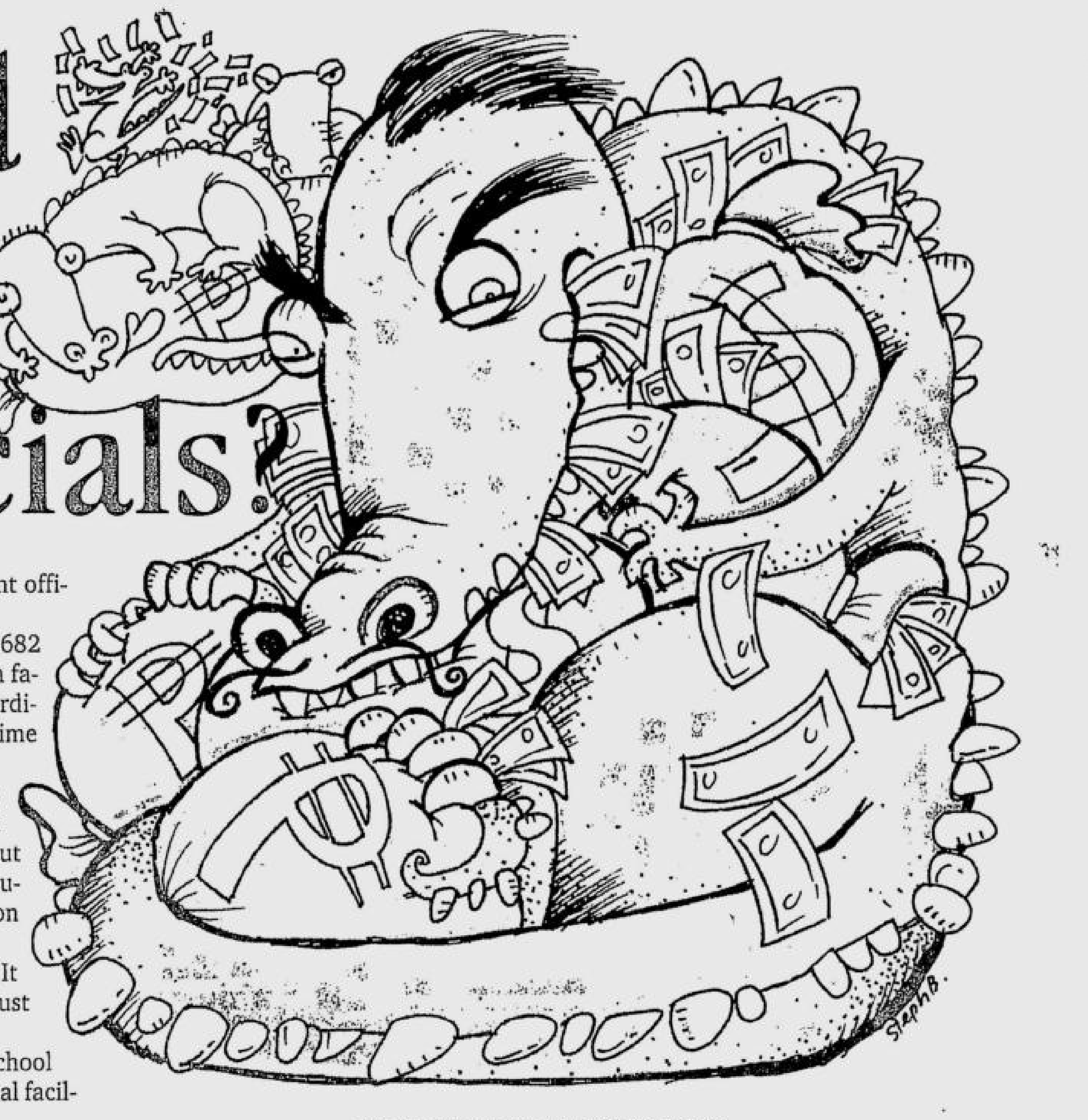
What should we do with corrupt officials?



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THE HUGE mismatch between the salaries and assets of government officials is an indication that they are dipping into the public coffers.

With this simple test, the Supreme Court declared ill-gotten the $682 million in Swiss bank accounts of the Marcoses and forfeited the money in favor of the government. The high court noted that the lawful salaries of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos from the time they took power in 1966 to the time they were ousted in February 1986 amounted to only $304,372.

The Department of Finance applied the same test when it charged with graft last week four revenue and customs officials. One of those charged before the Office of the Ombudsman earns a monthly salary of P22,521 but owns a house in Ayala Alabang, an enclave of the nouveau riche in Muntinlupa. Another earns a monthly salary of P21,217 but maintains a $3.8-million bank account (about P200 million).

Corruption is not confined to the internal revenue and customs bureaus. It pervades the bureaucracy. It is estimated that P22 billion is lost yearly just from the procurement of supplies and bidding of government contracts.

Corruption is one reason the country has shoddy roads, bridges and school buildings, overpriced airports, costly office supplies and inadequate medical facilities, to name just a few.

Despite the continued dissipation of public funds, few are sent to jail, itself an indictment of the justice system, which is also not immune to corruption.

'Feed them to the crocodiles'

Corrupt government officials should get what they deserve—they should be fed to the crocodiles. This sounds weird but that's better than allowing them to bleed the government coffers dry. *Esmeralda Esteban, manicurist, Ilagan, Isabela*

They should be replaced by worthy, honest people. The poor are getting poorer and corruption worsens their condition. *Isagani Ortega, construction worker, Sapang Palay, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan*

Beat them black and blue until they learn their lesson. They're the ones who bring poverty to the country. *Nicolas Conda, private employee, Legazpi City*

Because they are corrupt, they ought to be given a lesson. I know the corrupt days of Marcos, but until now there are still many corrupt officials. We are in hard times. Even the price of *balut* (duck eggs), which I purchase from my dealer, has increased to P7 only several weeks ago. I am forced to jack up the selling price of my *balut* to P9 each. Many people are poor and yet these corrupt officials are getting rich. *Leonilo Canque, balut vendor, Matina Aplaya, Davao City.*

These are the people who make our government bankrupt, so they should be dismissed. My family and I patiently live on the bank of the Pinacanauan River. I earn by helping my wife wash clothes in the river. Why can't these officials be honest? They have big salaries, anyway. *Melanio Tappa, Barangay 10, Tuguegarao*

'Cut off their fingers'

Cut off their fingers and place them in the National Museum of Thieves to warn would-be thieves in government that they have no place in our country. *Franel Aguirre, disc jockey, Butuan*

They are responsible for the suffering of the Filipino people. Funds that are intended for social services are going to the pockets of corrupt officials instead. They should be removed from government service. *Victor Pusta, radio technician, Dumaguete, Negros Oriental*

They don't deserve to be in government service because they impede the improvement of school facilities. They take the money intended for our education. They also destroy the trust and confidence of the people in government. *Cherimae Arcilla, mass communication student, Siaton, Negros Oriental*

Because they often hide under the mantle of due process, the political leadership should create a special court to hear the cases against them. Why not pattern its mechanics after the New People's Army's people's court to avoid the shenanigans of the so-called hoodlums in robes? If the official is found guilty, government should confiscate all his assets and let him rot in jail. *Antonio Enriquez, Enverga University student activist, Lucena City*

Create credible and independent fact-finding teams headed by Church officials to probe the disparity between the income and wealth of national, regional and local officials. It's a huge task but we have to start now. *Robert Malcontento, doctor, Cotabato City*

'Death by firing squad'

I-firing squad! If they're given another chance, they might steal some more. *Jessie Rabulan, student, Bicol College, Daraga, Albay*

It would be a good idea if we, the poor, would form a death squad to eliminate the corrupt people in government. I am sure many of us know the corrupt politicians, hoodlums in robes and in uniform in our locality. They are victimizing the hapless citizens so they deserve to die. We must not tolerate corruption. We must kill it before it kills us. *Solidad Umabon, Mandaya lumad, Mati, Davao Oriental*

Corrupt government officials should be punished and their assets acquired illegally taken back by the government. If this is not enough, they should be the targets of vigilante hitmen in our city. *Sheila Manigsasa, teacher, Davao City*

It's high time corruption be included in the list of heinous crimes punishable by death. But I wonder who'll be left in government. *Joel Nuñez, 4th Year economics student, Bicol University*

They must be sentenced to death or life imprisonment. They can also be exiled and denied their rights as a Filipino citizen. This might be cruel for some but this is the right punishment for dishonest government officials who are supposed to serve the country and the people. *Jeraldine Cadalso, high school student, St. Mary's School, Cagayan de Oro*

'We need a bloody cultural revolution'

What we need now is a bloody cultural revolution to effect change. I am saying this because my feelings about the system are already jaded. I started having these feelings after I became a lawyer three years ago. My wife even got worried because I tend to become absorbed with the sorrows and pains of my clients. I got numerous offers to join government service, but I have qualms about joining it right now. I instead opted to focus on my practice in our law firm. To address corruption in government, the electorate should learn and be more mature. And there must be an infusion into government service of young blood, who are still idealists and consider basic family values as important. *Arvin Dexter M. Lopoz, lawyer, Davao City*

It has become a way of life. Maybe it's our fault, but also maybe many people think that government is the answer to their problem (poverty). It takes lots of proof to get one convicted and many cases are dismissed simply because there is insufficient proof. We must begin to change our consciousness and help one another in order to stop it. *Jesus Dureza, presidential assistant for Mindanao, Davao City*

'Hang them in public'

Hang them in public because they're plunderers of public funds. *Celso Licup, president Caraga PNP Press Corps, Butuan*

The best way to deal with corrupt government officials is to put them in the death chamber. That way, corruption can be effectively controlled. So far, no one among the biggest thieves in the country like the Marcoses, have been hanged. We should set an example of the country's biggest thieves and not of the likes of Leo Echegaray. I'm sure Imelda will have the same prison cell as that of Erap—luxurious room for VIP thieves-when they are convicted. That's why this country is going nowhere because we continue to put plunderers like Erap in a so-called prison cell that is no different from Malacañang. *Marissa Libanban, NGO worker, Mati, Davao Oriental*

Death penalty is best for these corrupt officials. Government officials should set an example that the people can emulate. *Elsa Ventura, housewife, Ilagan, Isabela*

'Publicize their names'

Publicize their names in newspapers, show their photos on television and make them accountable for any irregularities committed in their offices. To avoid corruption, stringent measures must be applied to all government transactions involving money. *Meyer Abo, driver, Cotabato City*

Expose them. The Filipino people should know about their dishonesty so that no one will imitate them. *Jun Rivera, carpenter, Olongapo*

The assets of these officials should be given to the masses. They should also be subjected to public humiliation. Their pictures should be printed in newspapers so that people will know who are stealing the taxpayer's money. If we don't mete out harsh punishment to corrupt government officials, we will not be able to curtail corruption. I had witnessed a lot of corruption at the Bureau of Customs in Manila. Corruption is a way of life in that office. *Marvin Balcos, disc jockey, The Rhythm, Puerto Princesa, Palawan*

They have no use to us. They should be replaced with better people. *Henry Garfairo, utility worker, Pontevedra, Negros Occidental*

'Bar them from running for public office'

If a government official or employee is found to be corrupt, charges should be immediately filed against him. He should be suspended while the case is being investigated. If evidence warrants, he should be dismissed from service. Corrupt government officials should be jailed and prevented from running (for public office) or working again in government. *Winston Barra, baker, Mandaue*

Elected public officials should never be allowed to run again for any position if proven guilty of corruption. *Salvador Gagto, student, Candon City, Ilocos Sur*

They should be thoroughly investigated. Once found guilty, they should be terminated from government service. Appropriate criminal sanctions should also be imposed to serve as lesson to others. *Cristina Banluta, station manager, TV-7, Palawan, General Santos City*

'Confiscate their assets'

Remove all of them, charge them, confiscate and sell all their illegally acquired assets. We should use the proceeds in reducing our country's debt and budget deficit. *Genaro Matammu, barangay kagawad, Tuguegarao*

Jail them and sell their property. The proceeds should be used to help the poor. *Claro de la Cruz, rig driver (cochero), Tuguegarao*

The government should take their property because these were bought using people's money. They should also be jailed. *Allan Pabalan, unemployed, Mabalacat, Pampanga*

The government should file cases against corrupt officials and sequester all their unexplained wealth. *Irene Pasion, administrative staff, Puerto Princesa, Palawan*

Fire them and make sure they never get government jobs until they finish two years of service as workers of farmers. *Gwen Longid, NGO worker, Sagada, Mt. Province*

'Put them behind bars'

Jail them. Corruption is the reason government offices are not as efficient as their private counterparts. *Joel Gonzales, mechanic, Magalang, Pampanga*

Corrupt officials should be dismissed from service and perpetually disqualified from holding any position in government. Aside from administrative sanctions, they should be prosecuted for violations of the anti-graft law. *Jane Enrile, government employee, Talisay, Cebu*

Remove them from office because they don't deserve to serve the people. *PO1 Rhea Fuentebella, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental*

They must be charged and imprisoned so that other government workers would avoid doing their deeds. *Cris Nacpil, department store worker, Angeles City*

Treat them like any other criminals and send them to jail. They are robbing us. Our country should not be governed by corrupt officials. *Maricel Gonzales, fish vendor, Subic, Zambales*

They should be immediately removed from their positions. They don't deserve our trust. *Constantino Mallari, fisherman, Subic, Zambales*

They should be put in jail because they steal the people's money. *Joel Aquino, farmer, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur*

Grafters in government should be jailed even if they are top officials. *Lina Ferrer-Bumagat, maid, Ilagan, Isabela*

'Abolish Congress, DPWH, PNP'

Let's start with the abolition of institutions like the House of Representatives, then the Philippine National Police and eventually, the Senate, the DPWH, BIR, DepEd and so on. And let's replace them with small but truly efficient ones. *Marvin Lee Favarga, businessman, Mati, Davao Oriental*

Honestly, I think we can't do anything about corruption unless our government initiates moves to clean its ranks. But with the present situation, I doubt if it can. Most of government officials are corrupt! *Sheila Ramos, student, Legazpi City*

Prosecute them. They deserve to be punished by our courts. *Ernesto Canas, businessman, Tacloban, Leyte*

Ask them to resign. Let them undergo the due process of law. If they are found guilty let them suffer the consequences. However, the justices themselves should also cleanse their ranks. *Christina Marie Flores, teacher, Cagayan de Oro*

We just need to apply the law in going after corrupt government officials. The problem in our country is that even our laws can be corrupted. *Ramir Bodigon, personnel officer, ABE, Legazpi City*

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The WORLD

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Japan to send troops to Iraq

TOKYO—Japan enacted a controversial law on Saturday paving the way for it to dispatch troops to help rebuild Iraq in what could be the nation's biggest overseas military deployment since World War Two.

After two days of opposition party delaying tactics that held up passage until the wee hours, parliament's upper house approved the law, which critics say could violate Japan's pacifist constitution.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling coalition had pledged to have the bill passed by the upper house before the current parliamentary session ends on Monday.

Failure would have meant a huge loss of face for Koizumi, possibly forcing him to call a snap general election—something analysts doubted the opposition was prepared to risk.

"It's a bill that opens up a bright view for Japan," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda told reporters after its passage.

Fukuda said the government would decide the possible timing and size of a troop dispatch after conducting a thorough survey.

The government now faces the challenge of finding a role for its troops in Iraq that will be acceptable both to the United States—its most important ally—and the electorate.

Koizumi has been determined to keep his promise to the United States to send troops to Iraq despite a recent poll showing more than half of Japanese voters oppose the move.

Unnerved by mounting US casualties in Iraq, many Japanese are reluctant to see their troops—who have not fired weapons in combat since the end of World War Two—put in danger.

"This is a bill that would allow the sending of the Self-Defense Force (SDF) to Iraq, it's not a bill that says we must do so," Koizumi told the Upper House's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, which later passed the bill, sending it to the Upper House's plenary session, where it was enacted.

Koizumi added it would be necessary to carefully assess the local situation. He stressed the SDF would not take part in combat and would only be sent to areas free from conflict.

The opposition had tried to delay the controversial bill. It submitted a no-confidence motion against the Koizumi cabinet on Friday that was voted down by the ruling parties. *Reuters*

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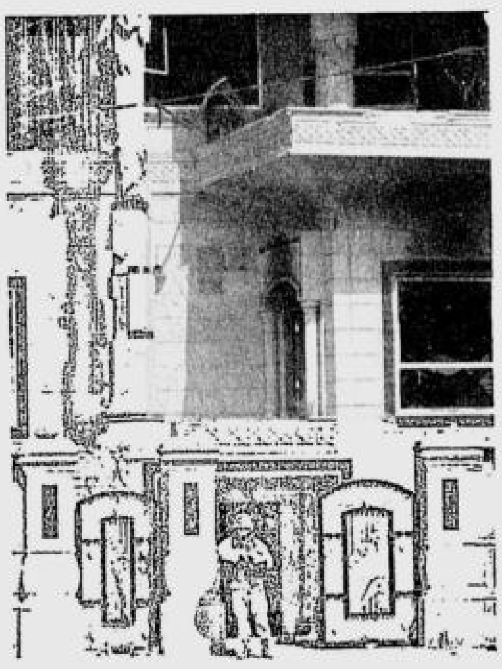

A US soldier from the 101 Airborne division guards July 25 the destroyed house where the two sons of toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, Uday and Qusay, were killed in a battle with US troops in the Iraqi northern city of Mosul July 22. AFP

US allows press to photograph Hussein corpses

BAGHDAD—The US military let the press photograph the bullet-riddled corpses of Saddam Hussein's sons, another effort to convince skeptical Iraqis the two are indeed dead.

The US military escorted about 15 reporters, photographers and cameramen to a makeshift air-conditioned morgue at Baghdad's international airport where they had unimpeded access to view the two bodies.

A pale, wax-like putty covered part of the two brothers' mutilated faces, according to an AFP photographer who viewed the bodies which lay naked on metal stretchers except for blue cloths over their midsections.

"The two bodies have undergone facial reconstruction with mortician's putty to make them resemble as closely as possible the faces of the brothers when they were alive," a US military official told the journalists viewing the corpses in the presence of three forensic pathologists.

This was standard practice and there was no intention to deceive, he said.

The faces of the two corpses appeared more presentable than they had in the initial US military photographs taken of the two and released to the press on Thursday.

Uday's lower left leg bones, along with the metallic rod and pins which had been attached to them after a 1996 assassination attempt left him with severe injuries, had been removed and placed in a plastic bag.

Extensive dental records including X-rays were also provided and explained.

Each of the bodies had been riddled with approximately 20 bullet wounds, the photographer saw.

Further DNA and toxicology tests were being conducted on the pair, the DNA tests expressly to confirm beyond any shadow of a doubt that the two are indeed the Hussein brothers, an expert said.

In Washington, the State Department confirmed it was set to pay its highest-ever bounty for wanted individuals to the informant who led US troops to the Hussein brothers.

The department expects to pay the tipster, whose information resulted in the deaths of Uday and Qusay Hussein the maximum $30 million it had offered for their arrest or capture, the officials said.

"Given the criteria that apply in this case, we would expect to pay the whole reward," one senior official told reporters on condition of anonymity. *AFP*

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US 9/11 report links Saudi officials to attacks–NY Times

NEW YORK—Senior Saudi officials have funneled hundreds of millions of dollars to charitable groups and other organizations that may have helped finance the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, The New York Times reported on Saturday.

Citing people who read a 28-page deleted section of the nearly 900-page Congressional report on the hijackings released on Thursday by a joint House and Senate intelligence committee, the Times said the section centers almost entirely on Saudi Arabia.

The report has been denounced by the Saudi ambassador to the United States, and some US officials questioned whether the committee had made a conclusive case linking Saudi funding to the hijackings, according to the Times.

But the Bush administration's refusal to allow the chapter's disclosure has stirred resentment in Congress, where some lawmakers have said the administration's desire to protect the ruling Saudi family has prevented the public from learning crucial facts about the attacks, the newspaper said.

Declassified sections of the report include testimony from several unidentified officials who criticized the Saudi government for being uncooperative in terrorism investigations, but make no reference to Riyadh's financing of groups that support terror, the Times said.

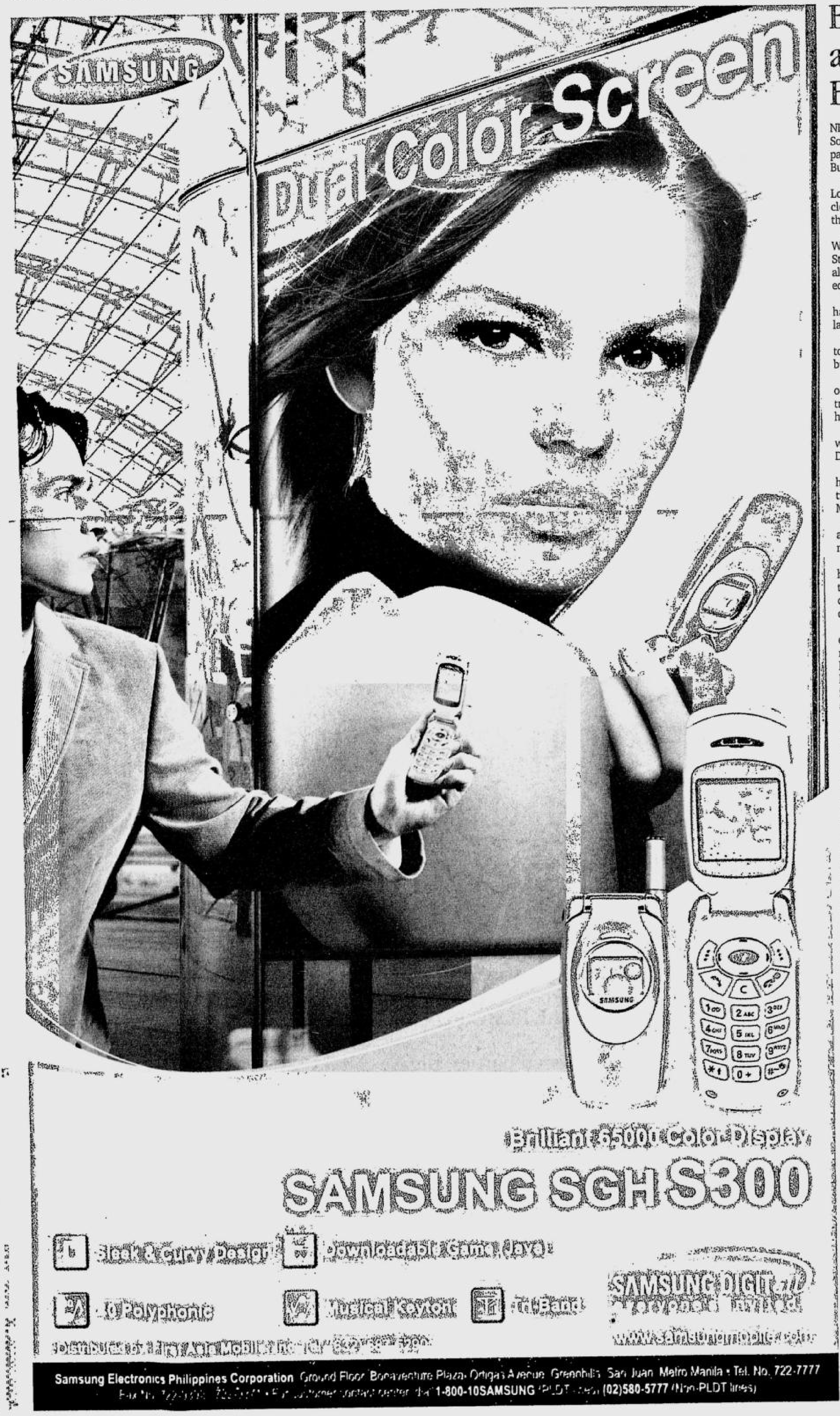
But some people who read the classified pages said it represented a searing indictment of how Saudi Arabia's ruling elite have distributed millions to extremists through an informal network of Saudi nationals, including some in the United States, the newspaper reported.

Other officials said the deleted chapter retraced the Saudis' support for Islamic charitable groups and said the report asserted without solid evidence that Saudi officials knew that the recipients used the money to finance terror.

The Saudi ambassador to the United States has angrily denied that his country had failed to cooperate with the FBI and CIA in fighting terrorism and dismissed accusations that it helped finance two of the hijackers as "outrageous," the Times said.

The newspaper quoted Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador, as saying: "In a 900-page report, 28 blanked-out pages are being used by some to malign our country and our people. Rumors, innuendoes and untruths have become, when it comes to the kingdom, the order of the day." *Reuters*

INDONESIAN BEAUTIES
Former Miss Indonesia Melanie Putria (right) crowns the new winner of the Miss Indonesia title Dian Krishna during the final of the Miss Indonesia beauty contest in Jakarta July 25. REUTERS



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Billionaire's ads challenge Bush honesty

NEW YORK—Billionaire philanthropist George Soros is running full-page ads in major US newspapers on Sunday challenging the honesty of the Bush administration's case for waging war in Iraq.

The ads in The New York Times, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and the Houston Chronicle, are titled, "When the nation goes to war, the people deserve the truth."

A dozen statements made by President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld making the case for war are reprinted and described as either exaggerated or false.

The statements center on claims about Iraq having weapons of mass destruction and large quantities of poison gasses.

The Hungarian-born Soros, 72, emigrated to the United States from Britain in 1956 and built a fortune as a financier.

He is founder of a network of philanthropic organizations active in more than 50 countries that focus on education, public health, human rights and economic reform.

The ads, estimated to cost about $185,000, were co-sponsored by US philanthropists Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman.

"Both George Soros and Lewis Cullman have been deeply concerned about the deception used to justify the war in Iraq," said Michael Vachon, a spokesman for Soros.

"They believe their fellow citizens should also be concerned and took out these ads to move them to action."

Bush has defended the case for war, saying he is confident that weapons of mass destruction will eventually be found in Iraq and that criticism of intelligence about Iraq's military capabilities amounts to quibbling.

Public opinion on the issue is closely divided, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released this week. It showed US voters believed the administration did not intentionally exaggerate evidence that Iraq was developing nuclear weapons by 50 to 44 percent with a 3 percent margin of error. *Reuters*

US approves use of Lilly growth hormone for kids

WASHINGTON—Children who are healthy but abnormally short will be able to have injections of growth hormone in hopes of gaining 2.5 to 7.5 cm of height, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday, deciding an emotionally charged issue.

The drug, called Humatrope, is not for normal kids yearning for a few extra inches, the FDA cautioned. It's for the shortest 1.2 percent of American children.

Maker Eli Lilly & Co. counts some 400,000 such children ages 7 to 15, but predicts that only about 10 percent ultimately would receive growth hormone because of tight restrictions it plans on eligibility, and because many families simply won't want to endure up to six shots a week for years.

"This is not cosmetic use," stressed FDA endocrinology chief Dr. David Orloff.

Also, "this is not saying short stature is a disease," he said. "We are saying that to the extent some of these children and their parents and their doctors feel they would benefit, or they would rather be a little taller than a little shorter, ... the drug does work."

Growth hormone has been used for 16 years to treat children who are extremely short because their bodies don't naturally produce the substance or because of a few other growth-stunting diseases. Some 200,000 children worldwide have taken it.

Lilly sought FDA approval to market formally its brand of growth hormone, Humatrope, for children who don't have those medical conditions but are abnormally short anyway: boys predicted to be shorter than 160 cm (5-feet-3) as adults, and girls shorter than 147 cm (4-foot-11).

The FDA has long fought the continuing problem of cosmetic use of growth hormone and struggled to define just what constituted meaningful, medically appropriate use of the drug without opening floodgates to children of normal height. *AP*

46 linked to Argentina's 'Dirty War' face extradition

BUENOS AIRES—The government annulled a decree on Friday prohibiting the extradition of Argentines suspected of torture or murder in the 1976-83 "Dirty War," a landmark move that could lead to dozens of officers and former junta leaders being tried abroad.

Newly elected President Nestor Kirchner, himself briefly detained during the military dictatorship, signed the order after returning from a state visit to the United States.

The move came a day after an Argentine judge rocked the military establishment by ordering the arrest of 45 military officials and one civilian at the request of a Spanish judge who charged them with murders of Spanish citizens during the dictatorship.

The orders, which include several elderly and ill former junta leaders already detained on other rights charges, allows Spanish Judge Baltasar Garzon to request the extraditions. Up to 30,000 leftist opponents died during the Dirty War.

Kirchner came to power in May promising to end a "culture of impunity" that he said stained 20 years of democracy. Since then, legal moves against the military men, who still enjoy some legal protection due to amnesty laws in force, snowballed.

The arrest orders include 1976 coup leader Jorge Videla and Emilio Massera, head of the Naval School of Mechanics, which was known as a torture center. Videla is under arrest on other charges and Massera is incapacitated after a stroke.

Former naval captain Alfredo Astiz, known as the "blond angel of death" for the death squad he ran, was also detained, court officials said. French courts sentenced Astiz in absentia to life imprisonment for the murder of two French nuns.

Courts must still rule on a case-by-case basis whether to extradite officials. Amnesty laws for officials involved in crimes during the dictatorship are in force but lower courts have gradually been striking them down.

The Supreme Court is expected to take up the issue and legal and rights experts say there could be a long road ahead before officials arrive handcuffed at a Spanish airport. *Reuters*

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Monrovia shelling

MONROVIA—Mortar fire rained on Monrovia's embassy district Friday, killing at least 11 civilians and wounding dozens more, as US President George W. Bush ordered US ships to the Liberian coast amid a worsening humanitarian situation in the country's raging civil war. Bush announced in Washington he had ordered the deployment of an amphibious task force off the coast to help prepare for the arrival of African peacekeepers. But hopes that west African peacekeepers could soon be on the ground faded when it was announced that a force of 1,300 Nigerian troops could not reach Liberia for at least a week to 10 days, despite urgent appeals from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for an earlier deployment. The three US warships are also expected to take seven to 10 days to arrive off Liberia. *AFP*

Israel security wall

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush said Friday he had a "problem" with an Israeli security fence cutting through the West Bank, as he threw open the doors of the White House for the first time to Palestinian prime minister Mahmud Abbas. But Bush sweetened his criticism of key ally Israel with praise for measures taken to advance peace moves hours before he met Abbas for crucial talks on implementing the bogged-down roadmap for Middle East peace. The meeting was rich in symbolism, and further isolated Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, whom Bush has never invited to Washington, viewing him as tainted by ties to terrorism. *AFP*

Quakes jolt Japan

TOKYO—A strong earthquake hit northeastern Japan on Saturday morning, just hours after an earlier temblor, injuring more than 200 people and causing landslides and blackouts, police said. But there were no reported fatalities from the earthquake, which was centered in Miyagi prefecture, about 300 km north of Tokyo, and had an estimated magnitude of 6.2 on the Richter scale. Weaker aftershocks shook the region repeatedly. Two people were buried in a landslide in the town of Kanancho, but were soon rescued. Authorities warned that heavy rains the night before raised the risk of more landslides. *Reuters*

Russian colonel gets 10 years

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia—In a landmark human rights ruling, a military court sentenced a Russian colonel to 10 years in prison Friday for the brutal murder of a young Chechen woman while serving in the war in breakaway Chechnya. Yury Budanov, the highest ranking officer to be put on trial for a crime against a civilian during the Chechen war, was also stripped of his rank and decorations by the court in this southern Russian city. The former tank commander has admitted to strangling 18-year-old Elsa Kungayeva in March 2000, but contends he was temporarily insane at the time and was convinced that she was a rebel sniper. The 40-year-old officer, who was acquitted in an earlier trial, was found guilty on all counts of kidnapping, murder and abuse of power and will serve his sentence in a high-security prison camp. *AFP*

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50 rebs attack cop station, 2 dead

CABUSAO, Camarines Sur—Some 50 New People's Army guerrillas on Friday attacked the town's police station that left one police officer and an unidentified man dead.

Killed was SPO2 Romarico Hernandez while the unidentified man was believed to be one of the attacking NPA rebels.

The attack was timed with the fiesta revelry of the neighboring Libmanan town, about six kilometers away.

The NPA rebels aboard three passenger jeepneys, swooped down on the police station at about 8 p.m. and killed Hernandez in the first volley of gunfire. A police officer, who was then outside the police station, was able to take cover.

The rebels also wounded three police officers but two of them were able to contact the provincial police, who alerted the 504th Infantry Battalion.

But the NPA rebels were able to flee before Army and police reinforcement from Libmanan town arrived. They took with them six M16 rifles and three 9-mm pistols, .Supt. Benjamin Suratos, Philippine National Police Bicol spokesperson based in Camp Gen. Simeon Ola in Legazpi City, said at least two rebels were wounded.

One of the three passenger jeepney units packed with NPA rebels went to the house of Mayor Alberto Genova Jr., who was alone in his house at the time, and took away his 9-mm pistol and a cell phone.

Genova said the NPA rebels introduced themselves and left him unharmed. A report reaching Camp Ola disclosed that the rebels also took away P7,000 in cash from the mayor.

The NPA rebels also forced their way into the municipal planning and development office at the municipal building beside the police station and took away several pieces of equipment.

The NPA rebels also cut off the town's telephone lines, which until yesterday had not yet been restored.

Witnesses said the rebels withdrew toward the direction of Camarines Norte, according to Suratos.

He said Camarines Sur police director, Supt. Roberto Rongavilla already instructed all police stations in the province to be on alert. He added that the provincial police mobile group and Army soldiers were conducting hot pursuit operation against the rebels.

In Butuan City, Army soldiers killed at least three NPA guerrillas during a fierce firefight in Sison, Surigao del Norte on Thursday.

Lt. Col. Manuel Ochotorena, commander of the Army's 20th Infantry Battalion based in the province, yesterday said the rebels were conducting lectures on recruits inside a nipa hut in Barangay Tagbayani at around 11 a.m. when soldiers, led by 1st Lt. Ralph Macasarte, found them.

Ochotorena said his men acted on civilian tip about the massing up of armed men in the village.

The fatalities were identified as Joey Ga, Flor Yape and Jonathan Yabuk, all in their 20s. *Juan Escandor Jr. and Joyce Mejillano, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Franklin M. Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Top Isabela rebel nabbed

CAMP MELCHOR DELA CRUZ, Isabela—A top leader of the New People's Army was arrested this week in a hospital in Tuguegarao City.

Antonio Sosa alias Ka Dasig, the former secretary of the NPA's Venerando Villacillo Front operating in Cagayan Valley, was arrested on Monday at the Cagayan Valley Medical Center in Tuguegarao where he had sought treatment for leukemia. He was presented to reporters on Friday.

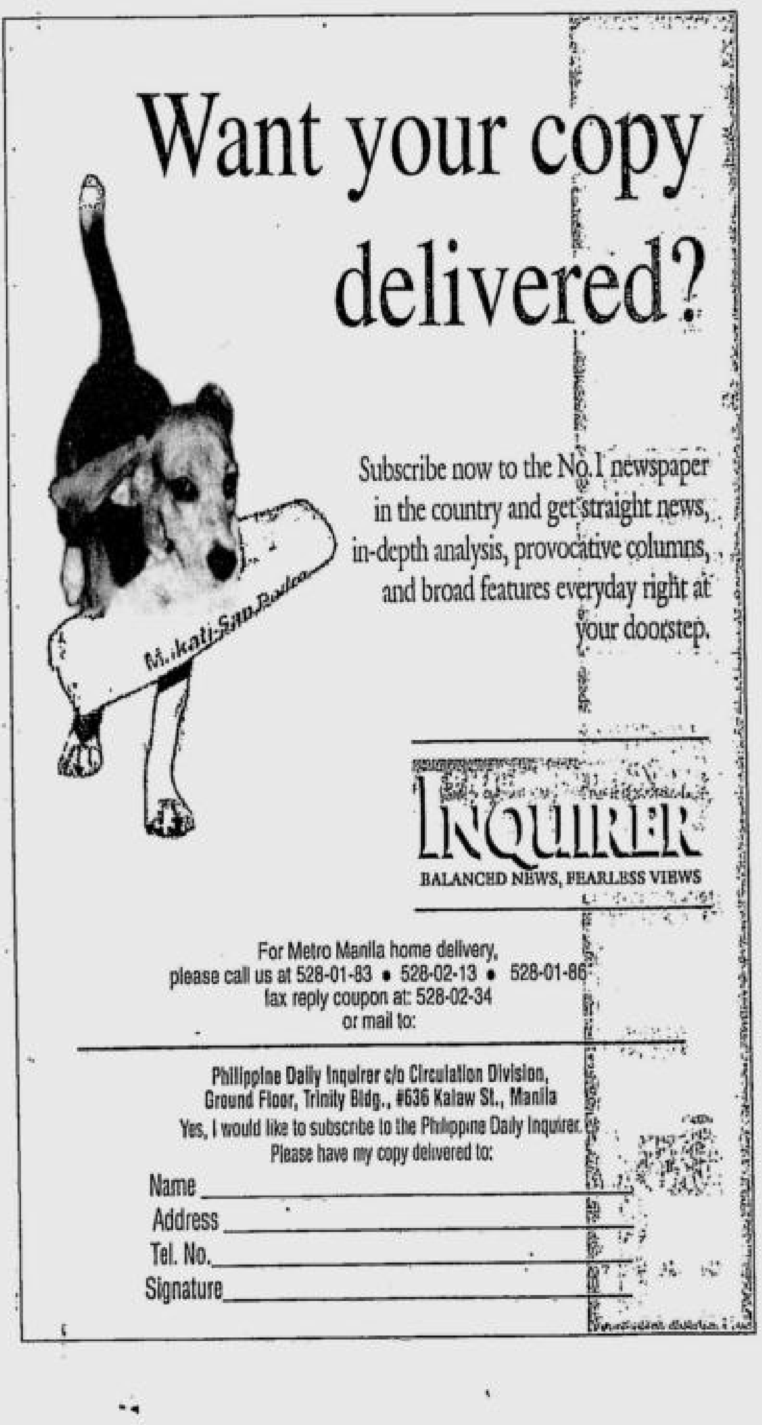
Military reports said Sosa was part of the NPA group that ambushed members of the Army's 502nd Infantry Brigade led by Brig. Gen. Josefino Manayao in Jones on June 27, 2000. Manayao and 12 soldiers were killed in that ambush.

Judge Moises Parado of the regional trial court in Maddela, Quirino, issued a warrant for Sosa's arrest on Dec. 6, 2001.

Maj. Gen. Samuel Bagasin, the Army's 5th Infantry Division commander, said Sosa was also believed to be among those who killed Jones Mayor Jesus Sebastian at the town hall on April 22, 2002.

In a statement, Salvador del Pueblo, NPA Northeast Luzon Command spokesperson, claimed that the military violated the rules of engagement because Sosa was arrested outside of an actual military operation.

Del Pueblo said Sosa's rights were violated because he was in a hospital seeking treatment when government troops arrested him. *Villamor Visaya Jr. and Estanislao Caldez, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*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IFUGAO children have started to reclaim their roots via these wooden idols. Once a major trade, Ifugao has started revitalizing its woodcarving industry to help revive interest in the province's eroding rice terraces.
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State of the regions report: Poverty rift widens

BAGUIO CITY—Living in Ifugao, home of the World Heritage-inscribed rice terraces, offers a less hospitable lifestyle compared to life in Baguio City.

The average income of a Baguio family comes up to P163,085 in a year while an Ifugao family earns just a third, or about P57,481 for the same period.

This "glaring provincial divide" will characterize the state of the region report to President Macapagal-Arroyo tomorrow, before she delivers her State of the Nation Address (Sona), the INQUIRER learned.

Residents, students and officials of Baguio City will engage the President in a live interactive discourse along with representatives of Quezon City, Cebu City and Davao City hours before the Sona at 3 p.m. on Monday.

Although the Cordillera posted "a rebound" of 3.9 percent in its 2002 growth regional domestic product (GRDP), following a 0.025-percent GRDP plunge in 2001, the region's climb out of poverty continues to be laborious, the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) points out.

"The average family income in the urban areas is still more than two-fold that of the rural areas (represented by P218,339 in urban Cordillera against only P95,635 in rural Cordillera)," according to a briefing document that will be read to Ms Macapagal by Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas.

Molintas chairs the Cordillera regional development council.

Glaring divide

"We have been more successful in reducing urban poverty (at 13.1 percent compared to 49.9 percent in the rural areas). More than a quarter of families in the rural areas are still living in extreme poverty," the report said. "The provincial divide is also glaring. Development continues to be concentrated in the Baguio-Benguet area while the rest of the provinces, especially Ifugao, lags behind."

Ms Macapagal had identified the restoration of Ifugao's terraces as one of her flagship projects following last year's Sona.

Ifugao Gov. Teodoro Baguilat Jr. had wanted to cultivate the age-old links between the terraced rice and the community's cultural rituals to restore a measure of value to *tinawon* (the Ifugao rice variety grown once a year).

The President had also made the vegetable industry crisis in Benguet and Mt. Province a centerpiece project, after unabated smuggling and importation of European and Chinese vegetables displaced their homegrown products from Metro Manila markets last year.

But agriculture had never been the Cordillera's strongest suit, despite its predominance in the various provinces, said Rudy Labarinto, a Neda macroeconomist.

"The agriculture sector slipped to a negative 0.5 percent performance in 2002 from a hefty 8.7 percent (growth) in 2001 due to significant drops in the contribution of palay and other crops," the Cordillera report said.

Fruits, veggies

The same report reveals "a negative 3-percent dip in performance" of semi-temperate fruits and vegetables grown in Benguet, Mt. Province, parts of Kalinga and Apayao "mainly from the influx of imported vegetables."

Labarinto said the Cordillera's growth relies traditionally on Baguio's industrial output. Texas Instruments Philippines Inc. and other semiconductor and electronics firms at the Baguio Economic Zone have recovered from a 2001 slump, and boosted growth by contributing 39 percent to the overall GRDP output, according to the Cordillera economic brief.

The document noted a negative 3.8-percent decline in growth for the construction sector, but the "rebound of the mining sector (at 18.2 percent compared to a negative 9.5 percent in 2001) made up for the continued slowdown in construction."

A factor for the slowdown is the region's road condition. "Given our rugged terrain and topography which makes traditional road construction expensive, the Cordillera remains to have the least developed road system in Luzon with a mere 30 percent of its national road paved (compared to Ilocos and Cagayan Valley)," the report said.

It said the contractor for the rehabilitation of Halsema Highway, Benguet's major link to Mt. Province, had stalled work because the government failed to release its "progress billings of P95 million" that dates back to September 2002.

However, the region's good news is a perceived improvement of the average family incomes of Baguio, Benguet, Mt. Province, Ifugao, Abra, Kalinga and Apayao. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Bartonico; 65

ROXAS CITY—Councilor Renerio R. Bartonico of Dumarao town died while delivering an impassioned speech during the municipal council's regular session on Wednesday at the town's session hall. He was 65.

Bartonico, a lawyer, was delivering his four-page privilege speech when he suddenly collapsed. He was brought to the town's rural health center but was pronounced dead on arrival.

"He succumbed to cardiac arrest," said Valeriano, Bartonico's elder brother.

Bartonico opposed the approval of the annual supplemental budget for Dumarao.

A first-term councilor, Bartonico topped the post in the 2001 elections. He chaired the finance and appropriations committee and the committee on rules and privileges.

A necrological service was offered to him July 19 at the Our Lady of the Snows Parish of the town. Interment followed at the Dumarao Catholic Cemetery. *Gerry T. Pagharion, PDI Visayas Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Employee held for extortion

SANTIAGO CITY—An employee of the municipal trial court was arrested on Tuesday in an entrapment operation for allegedly extorting money from relatives of a drug suspect. Senior Insp. Romeo de Guzman, team leader of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, said court stenographer Maripe Apolonio was arrested as she was pocketing P60,000 that she supposedly asked from the relatives. The CIDG has filed graft charges against Apolonio, the assigned stenographer for prosecutor Lucky Damasen, who was studying a complaint filed against Jomel Samonte for possession of illegal drugs. According to Esperanza Salangga, Samonte's sister, Apolonio demanded from her P70,000 in cash in exchange for the dismissal of the case at the prosecutor's office.
Melvin Gascon, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

2 NPA rebs slain

TARLAC CITY—Two suspected New People's Army rebels were killed in a firefight with Army soldiers in Tubo, Abra, on Tuesday. Reports from the Army's Northern Luzon Command identified the slain rebels as Gavino Lawagi and Albert Quemosan Tienesan alias "Loloy." Government troops recovered two M-14 rifles, an M-16 rifle, bullets and anti-government documents from the encounter site in Barangay Alangtin in Tubo. In Mt. Province, an NPA leader operating in Isabela and Mt. Province surrendered to military and police officials on Monday. Nolcom reports said Liza Castro Casenora, 21, was the squad leader of the NPA's Sandatahang Yunit Pampropaganda-2 of the Felomina Asuncion Front led by a certain Ka Jose. The unit operates in Mallig and Roxas towns in Isabela and Paracelis town in Mt. Province. *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

4 drug pushers nabbed

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Four more drug pushers were arrested in a series of anti-drug operations last week. Supt. Nicanor Targa, city police chief, identified the suspects as Artemio Sunga, 37, of Barangay Quebiawan; Anthony Calicdan, 28, of Barangay San Isidro; Josepina Liwanag, 40, of Barangay Sindalan; and Henry Parungao, 28, of Barangay Del Pilar.
Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Thieves take computers

MAGALANG, Pampanga—Thieves entered the premises of the Dolores Public High School last week, held the security guard hostage and took away eight personal computer sets. Police said security guard Edgardo Tolentino was on a routine inspection of the school compound at 3 a.m. on July 19 when the suspects grabbed him and poked a handgun at him. The suspects then took the computers and fled.
Jun Malig, PDI Central Luzon Desk

NPA rebel captured

LEGAZPI CITY—A suspected New People's Army rebel was captured after an encounter with a police mobile group on Sunday in Barangay Taizan, Milagros town, Masbate. Several suspected rebels were also wounded, said a report to Chief Supt. Jaime L. Lasar, Bicol police chief. Supt. Romeo Mapalo, Masbate police chief, identified the captured suspected rebel as Lydia M. Liamplado, 42, of Barangay Macabog, Mobo, Masbate. Police recovered a 30M1 carbine, ammunitions, camouflage uniform and anti-government documents. Mapalo said Liamplado was put under the custody of the Masbate police.
Ronnie Lorejo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Blood donation

CALAPAN CITY—All heads of government hospitals, city and municipal rural health unit officers, those in charge of health centers and barangay captains in Oriental Mindoro were directed, through an approved resolution of the provincial board, to strictly adhere to the provisions of Section E of Republic Act No. 7719, An Act Promoting Voluntary Blood Donation, providing for an adequate supply of safe blood. RA No. 7719 requires all government hospitals, rural health units, health centers and barangays to keep at all times a list of qualified blood donors with their specified blood typing. The Philippine National Red Cross-Oriental Mindoro Chapter lauded some employees and porters of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), and tricycle drivers who donated their blood during the PPA anniversary on July 11.
Madonna Virola PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Mindoro exports seeds

CALAPAN CITY—About 2,500 bags of certified seeds of various plants from Mindoro were brought to Palawan and some 354 to Romblon, according to provincial agriculturist Rodolfo V. Valdez, who said the seeds had been approved by the National Seed Quality Control Services of the Department of Agriculture. The registered and certified seeds can increase production by 20 to 30 percent per hectare. Some 375 hectares of land in Oriental Mindoro are being developed as certified seeds plantation by 51 seed growers from San Teodoro to Mansalay towns.
Madonna Virola, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Rabies alarm

TAGKAWAYAN, Quezon—Fear gripped village officials and residents of Barangay Sabang after one of the residents, a certain Remedios Obante, reportedly died after having been bitten by a stray dog a month ago. Sonny Rocafort, municipal health officer, said at least 11 other people who maintained close contacts with the victim before she died had to be monitored after they were injected with anti-rabies vaccine. The barangay officials said they had to postpone the construction of a police outpost to to buy vaccines. Four more victims of dog bites in separate incidents were reported.
Delfin T. Mallari Jr. PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Teacher linked to GSIS salary loan scam nabbed

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Agents of the National Bureau of Investigation arrested on Wednesday one of the six suspects involved in the salary loan scam at the local branch of the Government Service Insurance System.

The suspect was identified as Sarah Castaos, a substitute teacher at Sinawal High School.

Castaos was then teaching at the Ireneo Santiago National High School of Metro Dadiangas and was serving as the school's liaison to GSIS when the scandal broke out last year.

Five other public school teachers, who were also designated as GSIS liaisons, were involved in the controversy. Each of them face 74 counts of estafa through falsification of public documents.

Last year, GSIS had sought the help of the NBI after it uncovered the scam involving the application for salary loan of at least 74 public school teachers.

The supporting documents for the salary applications submitted by the teachers had been tampered with. These included service records, payrolls and pay slips.

In their applications, some applicants holding a Teacher I position, whose actual salary rate was just P10,800, made it appear that their salary rate was P15,700 to avail themselves of a much bigger amount.

During the investigation, the NBI found out that the six designated GSIS liaison officers of the Department of Education were responsible for falsifying the documents and records of the 74 applicants.

The NBI filed formal complaints before the office of the Ombudsman, which in turn filed the criminal charges against the suspects in a local court.

The court then issued a warrant for the arrest of the perpetrators.

The court set a total of P1.7 million in bail bond for each of the six accused. Bail for each case was pegged at P24,000.

Castaos hid when NBI agents arrived at Sinawal High School, but one of her fellow mentors led NBI agents to where she was hiding.

She did not resist when arrested and appeared quite composed. She broke into tears only upon learning that the bail for her temporary release was P1.7 million.

NBI special investigator Dominic Cerro told reporters that they failed to arrest the other suspects.

Meanwhile, the GSIS had adopted a more stringent policy in salary loan applications to prevent a similar fraud. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Countdown for Justice

WAPILE

IT IS exactly 440 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

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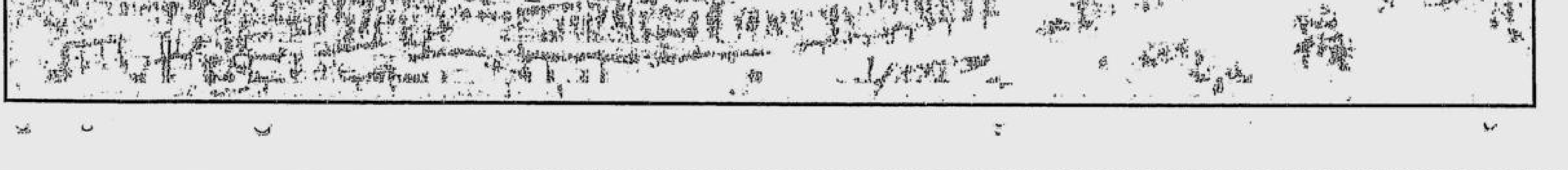

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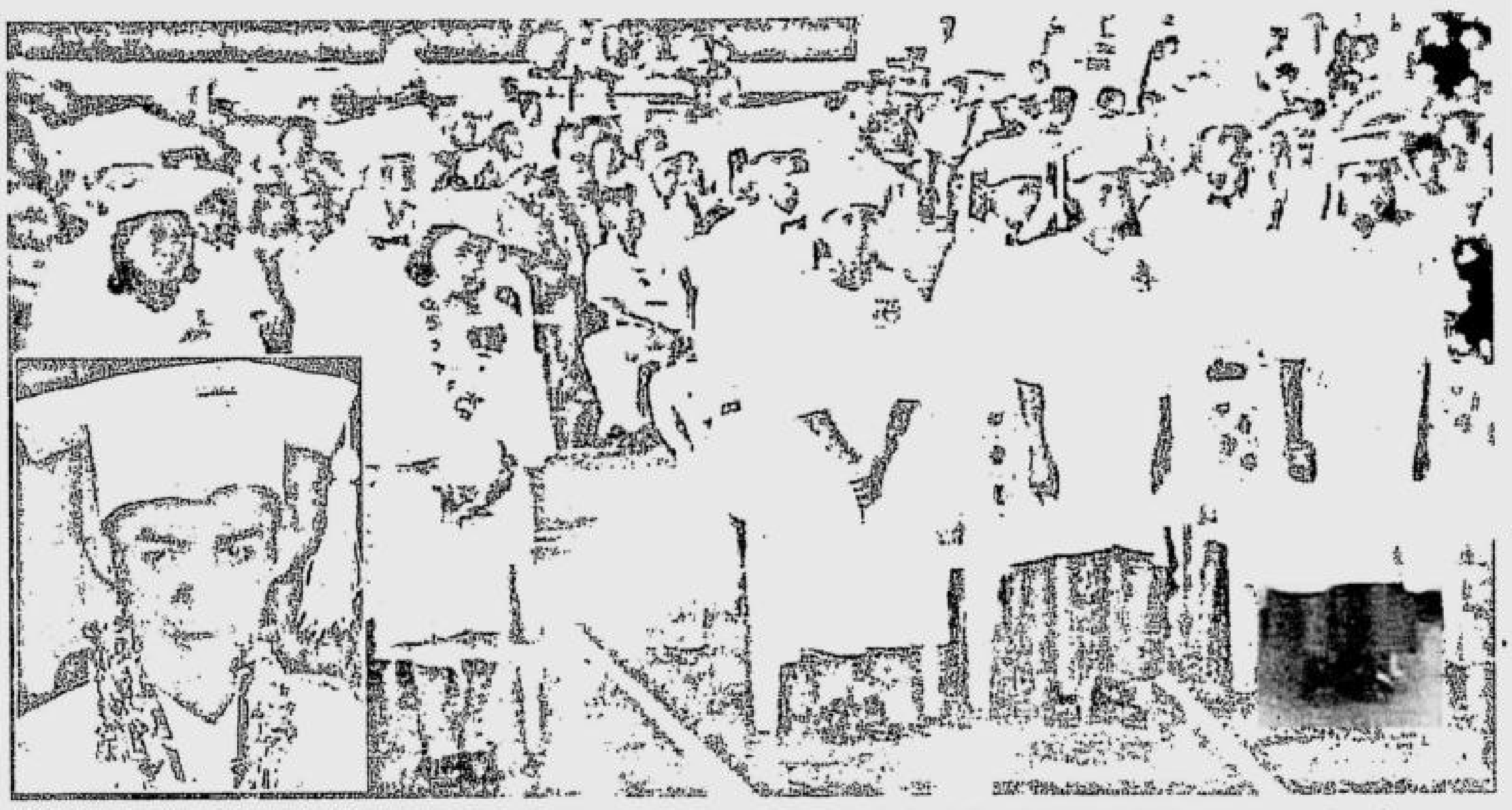
Arms are for hugging



THE GRADUATES of the Inug-ug Elementary School in Pagalungan, Maguindanao and valedictorian, Norodin Manggamanan (inset).
JEFFREY TUPAS

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Kabacan, North Cotabato

IF I were to remember the past, I almost lost hope there, especially when we were in the evacuation center experiencing all kinds of hardships because of various engagements between two armed forces … roars of canons, bomb explosions were like music to me."

Norodin Manggamanan was delivering a speech last week before 15 other graduates of the Inug-ug Elementary School in ceremonies held at the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) in Kabacan, North Cotabato. He was the valedictorian.

At 17, Manggamanan is among the eldest of the graduates. Their school, located in Barangay Inug-ug in Pagalungan, Maguindanao, had to hold its first commencement exercises at the USM, a premier university in Central Mindanao, because the entire village was under floodwater.

Manggamanan and some 500 other elementary pupils are beneficiaries of a program by the Community and Family Services International (CFSI) called "Arms are for Hugging." Their school, the first in the village, was built through the program.

For the graduates, who have been in areas hardest-hit by armed hostilities in Pagalungan, the event meant the dawning of a bright future.

"Today is the day of hope for all of us. For all the candidates of graduation, today is the day to begin our struggle to achieve our ambition in life. I say that because if I were to remember the past, I almost lost hope, especially when we were in the evacuation center, experiencing all kinds of hardships …," Manggamanan said.

During their stay in the evacuation center in February, he and the other students in the village had to stop attending classes for two weeks. The situation compounded the fact that they started going to school months after the regular opening of classes in June last year. Their school opened in October, thus the students had to attend classes even on Saturdays and holidays.

"I told myself, 'Maybe I cannot finish elementary education anymore.' But, thanks to Allah, I did … we did because of the putting of an elementary school in Inug-ug," Manggamanan said.

US fan

The class topnotcher was so happy. Days before graduation, he received a letter from one Flora Limpin from the United States, congratulating him for his achievement.

He even received $10 from the woman. The money, Manggamanan said, turned out to be a blessing to him and his family. He treated his classmates to snacks worth P81. He also used part of the money to buy film for their camera.

Celebrity and veteran talk show host Tessie Tomas, a member of the CFSI Board of Trustees, praised the determination of the graduates to finish their elementary grade.

"Many children are lucky enough; they go to prestigious schools. But your sacrifices in pursuing your education is very admirable. I have high respect for you," Tomas said.

What struck her the most was the story that happened days after the war between the government and the Moro rebels erupted in February: The same pupils were waving white flags and singing while going to school in groups, just to let the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front know that they were civilians.

"I was really bothered. These things are indeed happening. I thought stories like this only happen in the movies. This shows your admirable interest to pursue your studies even in the midst of conflict," Tomas said.

She urged the graduates to serve as inspiration to other children of Inug-ug and the neighboring villages of Bagoinged and Kudal. The children also study at the Inug-ug Elementary School.

"I hope that you will be instruments in achieving lasting peace and development in Mindanao … if you believe in your dreams and you believe in yourselves, you will really go very far and fulfill whatever you want to reach," she said.

Looking ahead

Asked what he would want to be, Manggamanan said he would prefer to be a doctor "because many Moro children need medical assistance and I could only wish now that I can help them."

Ali Salim, 14, who graduated salutatorian, said he wanted to be a civil engineer. Salim delivered a class prophecy.

"A day before we receive our diploma, I was sitting at the silent corner of our classroom … well, I was made to experience a journey of my wishes combined with daydreaming, visioning my ultimate ambition in life," Salim said.

"Ten years from now, I must have finished my course as civil engineer. Due to poverty, I must find the means by going to various places. I happen to pass by a big elementary school where the ex-principal is Ms Nima Salilaga, my co-elementary graduate. Then, I took my lunch in a classy restaurant whose manager is Jomar Madiangkit, another co-graduate," Salim said.

"Arms are for Hugging" is scheduled to end this month. But Dr. Denfred Balleza, the project officer, said the CFSI was able to get financial assistance from the Canada Fund to extend it. He said they have seen the need to replicate the project, considering the number of Moro children who cannot go to school because of the armed conflict and poverty.

Balleza explained that the program was called such as part of their efforts to put a message that peace and development cannot be promoted or achieved through "arms."

"Or, there is no way that we can use arms to make Mindanao as peaceful as it can get. The children need care. They need to be loved and they don't need to be exposed to violence. They don't need to participate in a violent environment," he said.

"Education must be embraced to have peace and development," he said in explaining the school's slogan.

Longer stay

"We want to see more permanent school buildings constructed so that the program can be continued for many years, and then we would like to do the program that we did in Inug-ug and in other communities. We would like to be here for the next five to ten years," Steve Muncy, executive director of the CFSI, said.

Muncy said it was "a wonderful experience for all of us because its dreams come true for the children, for families and their community."

"The graduates represent the future. Children, who have survived difficult times, have not given up hope and continued to strive something for the future. I think they will make it," he stressed.

But Muncy, who have been staying in the Philippines for 22 years, said the government and the MILF should stop the war immediately.

"I think what we need to see happening is the stop of the fighting. We need the peace agreement as quickly as possible and we need civilians to be protected in the meanwhile," he said.

Txt2teach: a project to benefit 13 Cotabato schools

By Charlie C. Señase
Cotabato City

AN AMBITIOUS and innovative teaching strategy employed for grades 5 and 6 pupils in public schools, using the wonders of educational videos and cell phone gadgetry, has gotten into this city through 13 selected schools, the biggest number of schools selected outside of Luzon.

Dubbed as "Text to Teach" (txt2teach), the project seeks to provide teachers and students the power and knowledge of the so-called "wireless technology" with the use of mobile phones and access to a library of science videos, said City Mayor Muslimin Sema during the project launching at the Estosan Garden Hotel in this city on Wednesday.

It was initiated by Nokia, the International Youth Foundation (IYF), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and Pearson, an international publishing house.

Welcome

Sema, along with some education and local officials, hailed the project and vowed to help safeguard all available electronics equipment and materials donated for use at the Cotabato City Central Pilot School, Datu Siang, Datu Usman, Kimpo, LR Sebastian, Lugay-Lugay, Mahad Kutawato College, Notre Dame Village, PC Hill, Rojas, Sero, Tamontaka and Vilo elementary schools.

Sema, who considered education his "tripod of governance," said the txt2teach project, which is also a joint undertaking of the Ayala Foundation, Inc., SEAMEO (South East Asian Ministers for Education Organization)-Innotech, Department of Education, Globe Telecom, Dream-PMSI and Chikka Asia, appears to be "an effective and amazing approach to modern teaching."

Initially launched in Quezon City on June 5, "txt2teach" targets 40 schools in the country that envisions to improve the opportunities of about 10,000 school children to key concepts and learning objectives of the Philippine science curriculum, said Ayala Foundation President Victoria Garchitorena.

Analytical thinking

Garchitorena supported Sema's view that "education is the cultural component of development." She said recipients of the project will be trained to become analytical thinkers, as she enjoined others to support this multi-sectoral endeavor for the youth's sake.

"We are excited and so are the pupils on this new project," commented school principal Norma Sinsuat, who wished that the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) may also avail of it in the future, considering the region's reported low literacy rate.

Cotabato, a Central Mindanao city, is ARMM's provisional seat of government.

Sinsuat, elated by the performance of the Sero Elementary School pupils and teachers during the project simulation, said it would be welcome if the project branched out to neighboring ARMM provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Basilan.

A private concern

Education Undersecretary Jose Luis Gascon stressed that "education is not only a government responsibility but also a private concern," as shown by this new multi-sectoral partnership.

The combined efforts behind "txt2teach" are meant to bridge various gaps, may they be cultural, religious, financial, status in life, and other barriers, said Gascon.

He announced the designation of former Education Undersecretary for Mindanao Gutierrez Mangansakan as project director for Cotabato.

The officials gave no specifics on how much investment had been put into the project.

It was learned that the IYF conceptualized the project with Nokia, a mobile communications firm providing its satellite services and equipment to the various pilot areas in this city, in Quezon City, Batangas, Laguna and Manila.

The video materials, like teachers' lesson plans, prepared by DepEd, are made available through Pearson.

Replication

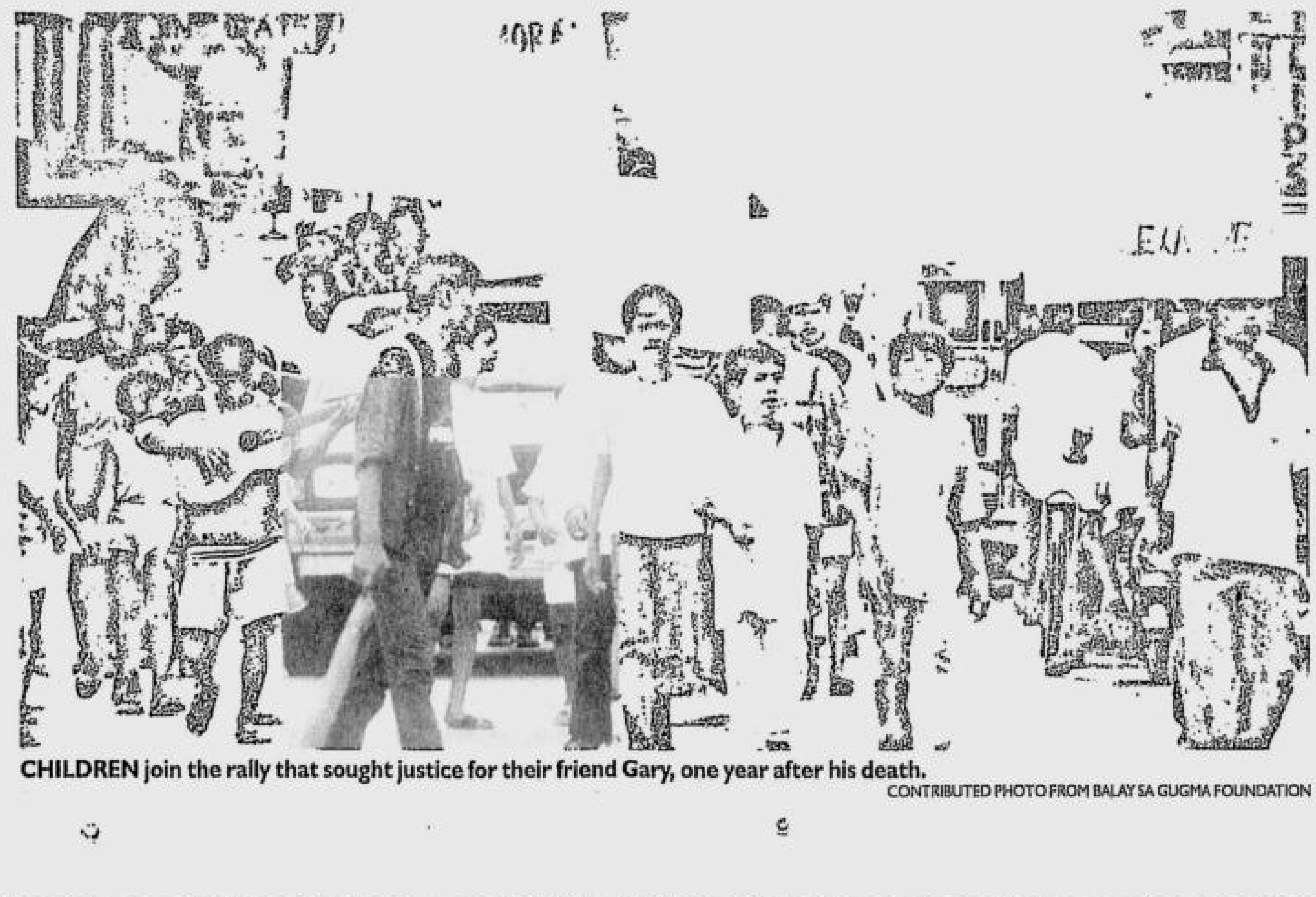
UNDP will replicate the project to other underdeveloped countries, while the Ayala Foundation leads in bringing new technologies to poor communities in the country.

SEAMEO coordinate with other partners to ensure that the project works smoothly. In the same vein, DepEd serves as project adviser on crucial matters of operation.

While Globe Telecom makes available free texting services to teachers ordering video materials, Dream-PMSI takes care of transmitting the learning videos to the schools, and Chikka Asia ensures the development of the "easy-to-use order" through text by teachers.

Garchitorena said the group will meet in September to assess the project and discuss ways for a possible expansion to other school divisions in the country.

When streets are not safe for children in Cagayan de Oro



CHILDREN join the rally that sought justice for their friend Gary, one year after his death.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO FROM BALAY SA GUGMA FOUNDATION

By Ellen P. Red
Cagayan de Oro City

GARY Dalayhon would have been 26 years old today if not for his untimely death 10 years ago.

The 16-year-old street child was murdered. The main suspect, PO3 Ricardo Catiil, still walks freely on the streets.

Based on testimonies of Dalayhon's two companions, then 15-year-old street children Alexander Ladao and Johnny Ucat, they were arrested in the afternoon of July 23, 1993 by two unidentified policemen on board a patrol car for allegedly stealing a karaoke set.

Only after Dalayhon was slapped with a face towel, Ladao whipped with a pistol butt, and Ucat hit with a nightstick by the two unidentified lawmen inside the car on Claro M. Recto Street in Cagayan de Oro were they turned over to PO3 Dayland Sarraga, PO3 Ricardo Catiil and PO3 Edgardo Bernales, all members of the city police.

But instead of heading for the nearest police station, the policemen brought the three children to Guinasang-an, Iponan. It was there where Dalayhon was shot in the face, chest and forearm. Ladao was shot in the thigh, abdomen and forearm, while Ucat was shot in the back, neck and forearm.

Ladao and Ucat survived to tell the public of their ordeal.

Administrative cases of grave misconduct and oppression, and criminal cases of murder and frustrated murder were filed against the policemen.

On Aug. 29, 1998, the Regional Appellate Board of the National Police Commission rendered a decision dismissing the three policemen from the service.

For the criminal charges, Catiil was found guilty of murder and sentenced to six years imprisonment.

On Nov. 7, 2002, Judge Ma. Anita Esguerra-Lucagbo of the Regional Trial Court Branch 23 also found Catiil and Sarraga guilty of frustrated homicide.

Bernales was acquitted.

The decisions against Catiil and Sarraga are on appeal.

Bernales is back in the service. Catiil and Sarraga, who were able to post bail while the cases are on appeal, are back on the streets.

Machines conk out on first day of ARMM voters' list-up

COTABATO CITY—The general registration of voters in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) was punctuated by a number of problems, the more serious of which, was the malfunctioning of data capturing machines that slowed down the process.

In Maguindanao, half million qualified voters trooped to data encoding centers but ended up frustrated.

"I have been here since 7 a.m. but about 50 others ahead of me are yet to register," Bainon Karim of Barangay Taviran, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao told the INQUIRER on Friday afternoon.

Karim said she and other voters were about to enter the data centers when electricity went off.

Poll officials have to manually gather voter's data but the effort proved to be more frustrating.

In Broce Elementary School, also in Datu Odin Sinsuat town, voters waited for their turn as poll officials questioned a registrant. It took poll officials seven minutes before finding out that the man was not a resident of the village.

A regional Comelec official said a machine conked out in Ampatuan, Maguindanao due to overheating. Another one exploded due to an oversupply of power in Datu Paglas town.

Machines also broke down in Parang, Buldon, Barira, Shariff Aguak, Datu Piang, Sultan Kudarat and several other towns. As of yesterday, at least 50 machines failed to function in Maguindanao alone.

Girlie Abalos, confidential secretary of Comelec chair Benjamin Abalos said the abnormal power supply in the province could be blamed in the breakdown of some data capturing machines.

Luzviminda Tancangco, Comelec commissioner-in-charge for Maguindanao said several teams of IBM technicians were expected to arrive in the province and in other ARMM areas where machine breakdowns were also reported.

But even with working machines, some poll personnel had to contend with manual data gathering. The reason: They could not operate the machines.

In Isabela City, Basilan, provincial election supervisor Wilfred Balisado said from day one, they were already contending with problems.

Wilfredo Daraug, acting provincial election supervisor, admitted their personnel have yet to become familiar with the machines.

Daraug said Comelec only spent one hour to teach Comelec personnel on how to run the machines.

In Tuburan, Basilan, some Comelec personnel could only sigh in disbelief because they forgot to bring the cords that would attach the machines to power outlets.

Usi Abdulkarim of Nuling in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao said the most glaring problem was that voters were not properly informed of what to bring when registering. *Edwin O. Fernandez and Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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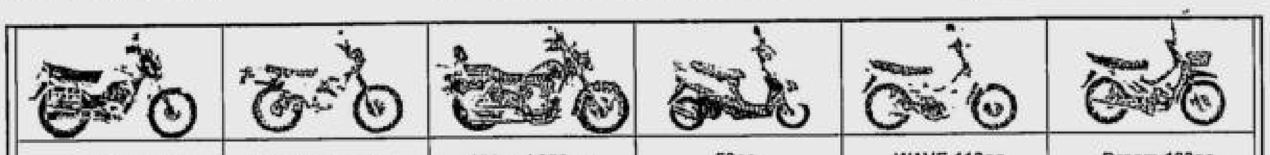

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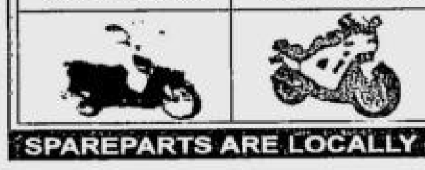

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GMA: Coup is doomed

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Layug is said to be an explosives expert.

Mostly members of the Philippine Military Academy Classes 1995 and 1997, they are "unaccounted for" and have 40-50 men with them, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya later told a press conference in Malacañang.

He assured the President of the "full support" of the AFP.

US Embassy press officer Ron Post told Agence France Presse that the United States was backing Ms Macapagal.

"The United States is concerned, but we support the legitimate civilian government of the Republic of the Philippines," Post said, adding that Ms Macapagal is the legitimate President of the Philippines.

In a statement, Speaker Jose de Venecia condemned the coup plot and affirmed the "strong support" of the leaders of Congress for the President and the civilian government.

"These misguided adventurers have been discredited and will not find support among our peace-loving and democratic people," he said. "Wide-ranging reforms, and not self-proclaimed messiahs in fatigue uniforms, are what our people urgently need."

But the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan said government officials were "fanning the issue" in order to deflect the gripes of junior officers against Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and discredit the protest rallies against Ms Macapagal's State of the Nation Address.

"The President's statement [last night] is a reprise of what she did to Sulficio Tagud and Acsa Ramirez," Bayan said in a statement, referring to the whistle-blowers of the alleged scams involving the President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard and the LandBank of the Philippines, respectively, who were later thrust in the doghouse. "Those raising howls over her administration's incompetence and anomalies are themselves subjected to oppression."

20 'renegades'

Rigoberto Tiglao, Ms Macapagal's chief of staff, said there were 20 "renegade" officers involved in the plot. The 10 others were as yet unnamed.

"I call on our people to be vigilant and denounce these misguided elements," the President said, adding:

"I assure all that we are in full control of the situation. The Republic of the Philippines will exact the maximum penalty for the purveyors of mutiny or rebellion. This warning extends to unscrupulous politicians who exploit the messianic complex of these rogue officers for their naked ambition."

A Palace official, who did not want to be named, said one of these politicians was touting a "national recovery program." It was a reference to Sen. Gregorio Honasan who had reportedly been advising the griping PMA Classes 1994 and 1995.

Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, AFP vice chief and spokesperson, said in a briefing late last night at Camp Aguinaldo that the military was looking into reports that "a group identified with the Estrada camp" could have agitated the junior officers to desert their posts and go underground.

Political component

Asked if he was referring to Honasan, he said: "I will not name names."

"We believe that their complaints are not the reasons [for their desertion]. We believe that there is a political component in it," Garcia said.

Ignacio Bunye, the President's spokesperson, said troops had been sent to secure all TV stations and other potential targets of the renegade soldiers.

Ms Macapagal said the "fugitives from military justice" would be haled to a court martial.

"In the spirit of dialogue and understanding, I have bent backwards and listened to the legitimate grievances of our young officers, they being officers and gentlemen imbued with honor and dignity to the flag and the Constitution. But in spite of this, these rogue officers have broken the AFP's strict chain of command. They have broken the law. They will be court-martialed," she said.

The President had previously dismissed the coup rumors, saying as late as Friday that she had resolved the legitimate grievances of the junior officers complaining of low pay, inadequate housing and corruption in the upper ranks.

Abaya said he had ordered the arrest of the 10 junior officers.

"They deserted their posts and brought weapons," Abaya said. "We can assume that they are here in Metro Manila."

Heightened security

Four armored personnel carriers were deployed around Malacañang and some 1,000 members of the Presidential Security Group in full battle gear conducted an unusual drill in Malacañang yesterday amid rumors of a coup on the eve of the President's Sona.

The PSG went on red alert with Palace entry points sealed off and heavily guarded.

The President called the emergency Cabinet meeting at 5 p.m. Sources said civil society leaders had also been summoned to Malacañang.

Abaya, PNP chief Hermogenes Ebdane and other top-ranking military and police officials, attended the meeting.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan said the President was "very collected" during the Cabinet meeting, when the top brass discussed details of the mutiny.

"She was composed, very much in command, and she wants to send a very strong statement about this rebellion," he said.

'A lot of damage'

Although Abaya considered the rogue group as "small," he said "they could still inflict a lot of damage depending on how they conduct their operations, and we cannot be too complacent because of their size."

"With their small numbers, I don't think they're capable of overthrowing the government," Garcia said. at a press briefing late last night.

But he acknowledged that they had a potential "to create mischief."

Abaya said the mutinous officers belonged either to the Scout Rangers or Special Forces.

Trillanes, Layug, Gambala, Laurence Somera, Maestrecampo and Baloloy are from PMA Class 1995 although none of them attended the dinner meeting Wednesday with the President in Malacañang together with Class 1994.

However, Abaya noted that Laurence Somera was at Camp Tecson during the Scout Rangers' turnover ceremony attended by the President Thursday.

Trillanes was reported to have been arrested at press time.

San Juan, Florentino Somera, and Dagupon are from PMA Class 1997, and Dingle, Class 1996.

Abaya said Maestrecampo, Baloloy, Dingle and Dagupon had been missing from their regiment for the last four days and informed their senior officers only yesterday.

Trillanes, who wrote a paper on graft in the Navy for his master's degree in public administration at the University of the Philippines, was earlier reported to have received death threats.

He sought refuge with the Presidential Security Group following the threats, officials said Monday.

Abaya had earlier said that "less than 10 members" of PMA Class 1995 were advocating an anti-graft campaign, but added that he had ordered an investigation to establish whether they broke protocol.

He separately had "bull sessions" with members of Classes 1994 and 1995 in Camp Aguinaldo following the airing of their complaints.

Abaya said last night that the AFP had attempted to win the junior officers back but that it was too late because they had already made up their minds.

"We still don't know whether there are higher ranking officers involved, and we are still monitoring this," he said.

The AFP has been conducting a loyalty check of its ranking officers since early Sunday morning when it first got wind of the plot.

'No serious attempt'

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon said last night there was "no organized" movement by the military against the President. He said the coup talk was triggered by recent incidents where some Scout Ranger soldiers and some weapons were reported missing.

"There is no serious attempt to mount a coup [against the administration] because the mainstream military still supports duly constituted authorities," the senator said in an interview.

Biazon, AFP chief of staff under the Aquino administration, said he checked with his military sources after he was informed at about 11 a.m. yesterday of "some movements" in the military.

He said the coup talk was triggered apparently by two incidents—the discovery on Friday afternoon of missing rifles from the Scout Rangers headquarters in San Miguel, Bulacan, and the discovery yesterday morning during the roll call that some personnel were missing.

"So someone put two and two together and said there was a movement against the government," Biazon said. The senator said Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin "overreacted" when he issued a statement yesterday calling on the people to be alert and to pray.

He expressed hope that the cardinal would issue a clarification.

Authorized movements

Yesterday, military spokesperson Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said 360 soldiers were transferred from Camp Capinpin in Tanay in Rizal province and 240 from Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija province to beef up the 500-strong reserve force in Camp Aguinaldo for tomorrow's Sona.

The troops will be deployed at the Batasan complex in Quezon City, on Edsa or in Malacañang during tomorrow's Sona which is expected to be marked by protest rallies.

He said they were on standby for "crowd control" duties on Monday when Ms Macapagal delivers her State of the Nation Address (Sona), which usually draws protest rallies.

The Palace had announced the "authorized troop movements" on Friday night so as not to unduly alarm the public.

"This was also done last year and it's normal precaution," Bunye said yesterday. *With reports from Christine Avendano and TJ Burgonio*

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know how to respond.

According to Songco, the President said that the plot was timed for Monday, July 28, the day Ms Macapagal will deliver her State of the Nation Address (Sona) at the House of Representatives.

Ms Macapagal also said that the plan for the takeover of her government had been "on" for the past two years.

Startling

Yesterday, Corpus, chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), stunned the civil society groups with his revelations during an intelligence briefing held at Villa San Miguel in the presence of Cardinal Sin, according to Songco.

Songco, who was also present at the second meeting, said that Corpus told them to prepare because a coup was "imminent."

The plan

Corpus' information, according to Songco, included the following:

- Four company commanders of the Scout Rangers have been missing for four days. The four were believed to have gone AWOL and believed to have gone underground.
- The leader of the 21 Scout Rangers (2nd Lt. Christopher Genzola) and two members of the Navy's Special Warfare Group or Swag who were intercepted (*for "suspicious movements," the* INQUIRER *had reported-ED*) in the Iloilo City port on board the Superferry 2 coming from Cagayan de Oro City bound for Manila were missing.

"It is clear that there are already preparations underway and there is also information that some troops are already here in Metro Manila," Songco quoted Corpus as saying.

- Supporters of former President Joseph Estrada were planning to converge at the Edsa Shrine for a march to Malacañang.
- Aside from Estrada, the plan includes two senators.
- The plan involves a second coup.

"Apparently, the plan is to bring down the President to install Estrada who would be toppled after three days and Gringo will head the government," Songco repeated what Corpus told the civil society leaders.

Gringo refers to Sen. Gregorio Honasan.

- There would be an attempt to take over the House of Representatives in Quezon City during the President's Sona.
- There is a plan to take over a television station.

Asked if Sen. Panfilo Lacson was mentioned as being among the plotters, Songco said that according to Corpus, Lacson was also involved.

Corpus' analysis, Songco said, was that Lacson was "desperate" as the Supreme Court is about to issue its decision concerning the Kuratong Baleleng case.

Based on the military intelligence analysis, the plot is aimed at embarrassing Ms Macapagal during the Sona.

"It will be timed with the Sona to embarrass her ... We are actually not sure that it will happen but we would like to believe the information as it came from credible people."Songco said.

Those who attended the Villa San Miguel briefing were some 15 to 20 government officials and civil society leaders, among them Bishop Socrates Villegas, National Anti-Poverty Commission chief Teresita Deles, Jesuit priest Fr. Romeo Intengan, presidential adviser Vicky Garchitorena and Marita Jimenez, an aide of Ms Macapagal.

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A man came from Baal-shalishad bringing bread and wheat to the man of God. These were from the first part of the harvest, twenty loaves of barley and wheat. Elisha told him, "Give the loaves to these men that they may eat."

His servant said to him, "How am I to divide these loaves among one hundred men?" Elisha insisted, "Give them to the men that they may eat, for Yahweh says: They shall eat and have some left over." So the man set it before them; and they ate and had some left, as Yahweh had said.

Eph 4:1-6

I, the prisoner of Christ, invite you to live the vocation you have received. Be humble, kind, patient and bear with one another in love.

Make every effort to keep among you the unity of Spirit through bonds of peace. Let there be one body and one spirit, for God, in calling you, gave the same Spirit to all. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God, the Father of all, who is above all and works through all and is in all.

Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, near Tiberias, and large crowds followed him because of the miraculous signs they saw when he healed the sick. So he went up into the hills and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Then lifting up his eyes, Jesus saw the crowds that were coming to him and said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread so that these people may eat?" He said this to test Philip, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred silver coins would not buy enough bread for each of them to have a piece."

Then one of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there so the people, about five thousand men, sat down to rest. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them to those who were seated. He did the same with the fish and gave them as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten enough, he told his disciples, "Gather up the pieces left over, that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with bread, that is with pieces of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw this sign that Jesus had just given, they said, "This is really the Prophet, he who is to come into the world." Jesus realized that they would come and take him by force to make him king; so he fled to the hills by himself.

Commentary

"Five loaves and two fish, what is that among so many?" Like the disciples in today's gospel reading, we find sometimes ourselves in situations wherein our confidence and trust fail us. "I can't do it," we say. We're defeated even before we begin to fight. Jesus' action of feeding the multitude in today's reading is both a gentle reminder to his disciples of the absolute importance of faith, as well as an encouragement to all of us his followers who sometimes find ourselves stretched and challenged by circumstances way beyond what we think we are capable of facing. The storms of life are sometimes so powerful that we find ourselves fearful and terrified, unable to muster the strength and the courage to fight and succeed. When the multitude was fed from those meager loaves and fish, Jesus was sending out a most powerful message to his followers. And it was that there is nothing to fear—not even the fact that our capabilities, talents and capital are sometimes seemingly so inadequate to the difficulties that come our way. For there is power in faith and trust! There is success and fulfillment awaiting our every action if only we remember that however small our own portions might be, when handed over to Christ, they can become as bountiful and as rich as the abundant bread and fish that fed the thousands of people who were there to listen to Jesus. Trust is an absolute necessity in life, trust in God, trust in ourselves. With it we can move mountains, without it, we can do nothing. There is much truth to that oft-heard line: "We do our best, and leave to God the rest."

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Amused generals: Who's saying there's coup plot?

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Another who was amused was Maj. Gen. Efren Abu, chief of the 2nd Infantry Division and head of Task Force Libra, which is in charge of securing Malacañang.

"If you hear me talk and my voice is something else, then you should be alarmed," he told INQ7.net.

Abu said the task force was already on red alert. "But we always do this three days before the Sona," he said.

Maj. Gen. Alberto Braganza, chief of the 7th Infantry Division, declared: "We are prepared for anything. We will protect the northern gateway."

But like the others, he laughed off reports of a brewing coup.

He also said that in the event of such a plot, none of his men would be involved.

Maj. Gen. Roy Kyamko, chief of the AFP Southern Command, admitted that misunderstandings did exist between senior and junior officers, but not enough, he said, to fuel an uprising.

He said that as in a father-and-son relationship, problems within the military were being discussed for resolution.

'Boy Scouts?'

Even junior military officers, including those belonging to the controversial PMA Class 1995, denied the veracity of coup reports.

"There's no coup. Who will be their followers? Boy Scouts? Nobody will join Lacson," an Air Force captain told the INQUIRER in Davao City.

The captain said a coup was not possible because the military had no problem with the Macapagal administration.

"Again, I tell you, there is no coup. We are not angry with the President; we don't have a problem with her. We have other things to attend to than [mounting a] coup," he said.

The captain also said they were spending the day yesterday "having fun."

"Every time we hear about this coup, we just laugh about it," he said.

Col. Rhoderick Parayno, commander of the Army's 73rd Infantry Battalion based in Davao del Norte, said that unlike in previous coup plots, the current rumored uprising "seems to be very covert, and no one can really confirm its truthfulness."

But a ranking military commander admitted that spies had been sent out to snoop on potential recruits for a coup plot.

Those involved in the coup rumors are "just a small number," the officer told the INQUIRER. "Not a great number of the class is included there. But we know they are into cell groups."

Parayno confirmed that a counterintelligence unit had started spying on officers who might have access to those behind the plot.

Red alert for Sona

Though the military and police raised a nationwide red alert yesterday, officials insisted that this was part of security preparations for President Macapagal-Arroyo's State of the Nation Address tomorrow, and not an offshoot of the persistent coup rumors.

"We're now on nationwide red alert. Even the police have raised a nationwide alert," said Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, Armed Forces information officer.

The military raised the alert at Camp Aguinaldo at noon yesterday. But there were no unusual movements of troops to indicate that a coup was in the offing.

At the Malacañang grounds, a member of the Presidential Security Group and part of Ms Macapagal's close-in security appeared unperturbed by the supposed coup plot.

Asked about the plot disclosed by Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus, allegedly involving opposition Senators Panfilo Lacson and Gregorio Honasan and former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, the PSG member said: "OK *naman kami dito.*"

He refused to give a categorical answer when asked if the Corpus revelation was false. He instead said: "*Eto nga naka-chinelas lang ako dito sa kubo, pa*-relax-relax. (I'm just in slippers in my quarters)."

To the question of why the PSG held an unusual drill right inside Malacañang, he repeated: "*OK lang kami dito.* (We're OK here.)"

Most of the disgruntled officers belonging to Philippine Military Academy Classes of 1994 and 1995 are serving in Basilan and Jolo and are directly under Salazar's supervision.

Move by politicians

An INQ7.net source in Army intelligence confirmed that they were studying reports of a coup plot.

But the scenario looks more like a move by politicians than by the military, he said.

"There were officers who were approached. It's easy to get to these officers if you touch on their idealism," the source said.

He said most of those who were approached had never felt the effects of the failed coup attempts of the past.

He also said the military component remained nebulous, with no clear lines connecting the officers and the enlisted personnel—another crucial component in case of an actual attempt to oust the government.

"But we are not setting aside these reports," the officer said.

He confirmed that four Army officers holding the ranks of captain and lieutenant were "unaccounted for," fueling speculation that they were part of the supposed plot.

He laughed off suggestions that the officers might have joined the communist-led New People's Army, or had eloped with their girlfriends.

He did not show any sign that he was alarmed by the situation. *With reports from Stella O. Gonzales in Manila; Joselle R. Badilla, Anthony S. Allada, Rolly A. San Juan and Julie S. Alipala, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Criminal Investigation and Detection Group said the four units were registered in the name of Dy's sister Lina Wang.

Both Aglipay and Yabut said police were in the process of checking all of Dy's assets, including bank accounts, a condominium unit in the reclaimed area off Manila Bay, a seaside mansion in Cavite, and pieces of real estate elsewhere in Luzon.

"We will freeze his accounts and property through the Amla (Anti-Money Laundering Council)" for his alleged involvement in drug trafficking, Aglipay, who heads the PNP antinarcotics task force, said in an interview.

"He's a big fish. He's one of the top three drug traffickers in the country," Aglipay said of the 41-year-old Taiwanese who allegedly heads a drug syndicate operating in Southeast Asia.

On Friday, police arrested Dy and five other Chinese nationals including his sister, and later raided a seaside mansion owned by him in Tanza, Cavite.

The raid uncovered a "state-of-the art" shabu laboratory capable of producing 30-40 kilos of the illegal drug daily.

Yabut told reporters that the mansion in the Beverly Subdivision, Barangay Capipisa, would be converted into a drug rehabilitation center.

In Trece Martirez City, Interior Secretary Jose Lina also said as much. He said the grounds on which the mansion stood were strategic for drug rehabilitation.

Lina said the government would file a forfeiture case to cover the Capipisa property, which Dy supposedly purchased from a certain Ernesto Pangilinan in September 2001.

Casino winnings

Lancaster Townhomes administrator Donna Uy told radio dzRH that Dy purchased the units a year ago, claiming that he had gotten the money, P300 million, from "casino winnings."

Uy, a resident of the compound for the past 13 years, said that Dy moved there in January of last year and that they found nothing suspicious about him.

"His house was always filled with his relatives—both old people and children—whom we thought had come from China," she said in an interview.

Uy said Dy introduced himself to his neighbors as Allan Lee, a casino financier.

"That's why we did not suspect anything as to why he had such expensive properties like the Jaguar," she said.

Uy also said she and the other residents had always known Dy as a "quiet, shy man who kept a low profile."

Dy and the five other Chinese nationals arrested are now in the custody of the Bureau of Immigration.

They were not carrying proper travel documents when arrested, Aglipay said, adding: "They are illegal aliens."

He also said Dy would be charged with violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act.

Up in smoke

In remote Barangay Aguado in Trece Martirez, Cavite, Interior Secretary Lina presided over the early morning destruction of P1.74 billion worth of shabu at the Integrated Waste Management Incinerator Facility.

The bulk of the 653 kilos of shabu destroyed came from the cache confiscated from Ronnie Mitra, the mayor of Panulukan, Quezon who was caught by the Quezon police in October 2001 transporting 504 kilos of shabu in Real town.

Over 540 kilos of marijuana and other raw materials for manufacturing drugs were also destroyed at the P50-million facility.

"We are showing this to the public, the media and government agencies to erase their suspicions and fear that part of the haul is being 'recycled' and sold by some members of the police," Lina said.

He said the destruction of the illegal drugs was also in accordance with the law mandating the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and other government agencies to destroy all seized illegal substances.

Officials of the facility explained that the process of destroying illegal drugs and other wastes involved oxidizing and thermal heating, not burning.

"This facility is not an incinerator but a thermal oxidizer," said operations manager Alfredo Rivera. "We do not burn the materials [but] turn these into a gaseous state, which is very combustible. The process will produce thermal waves, not smoke."

Ex-mayor as witness

Mitra, who was escorted by officials of the Quezon City jail where he is being held, witnessed the event as required by law. Also present were three other persons, including a Chinese national who was with Mitra when he was arrested.

Supt. Gilbert Marpuri, Quezon City jail chief, said Mitra would soon be transferred to "safer grounds."

"He is no ordinary inmate," Marpuri told the INQUIRER. "He is involved in big-time drug peddling. We cannot afford to take the risk. We know that he has many connections, being a former government official."

The case against the ex-mayor, who faces the death penalty if found guilty, is being heard by Judge Agustin Dizon of Branch 80 of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court.

With a report from Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

CHEMISTS check out some of the 60 sacks of ephedrine used in the manufacture of shabu found in a townhouse on Lancaster St., Pasay City. President Macapagal, PNP Deputy Director General Edgardo Aglipay and BI Commissioner Andrea Domingo look on.

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Students sue principal over F4 ID pictures

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The students, Ricardo Apelado and Christian Callanga, promptly brought a complaint before education authorities against principal Roger Bagalay for "grave abuse of authority and misconduct."

In the letter complaint to Victoria Tablang, the provincial schools division superintendent, the two claimed that Bagalay humiliated them in front of other students during the flag ceremony on July 3.

Copies of the complaint were sent to Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus, Gov. Rodolfo Agbayani, the Nueva Vizcaya provincial board and Solano Mayor Heraldo Dacayo.

The F4—for Flower 4— are the stars of the hugely popular Taiwanese soap "Meteor Garden" aired daily on ABS-CBN television.

The "chinovela," which has largely replaced the Mexican telenovelas in the hearts of soap-mad Filipino TV viewers, is set in a high school for the affluent in Taiwan, which must explain its popularity with young students in the country.

The four young men are said to have become household names not just in Taiwan and the Philippines but also in Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Brunei.

Just for fun

In their affidavit, dated July 14, Apelado and Callanga said Bagalay called out their names and made them come up the stage during the flag ceremony. Using a microphone, Bagalay allegedly asked them why they had placed the photographs of the F4 members on their IDs.

"We told him that we did it for fun because we are fans of F4," the two said.

Apelado and Callanga said Bagalay then asked them if the F4 members were "paying" them to put their photographs on their IDs.

When they answered "no," Bagalay allegedly slapped them on the shoulder.

"(It was) so strong that the sound it created was heard by all other students to our great shame and humiliation," they said.

Bagalay also allegedly ordered them to perform 50 knee bends (called "pumping") before the student body.

"It virtually added insult to our injured feelings," they said.

The INQUIRER sought out Bagalay on Friday but the school's security guards said he had gone to the division office of the Department of Education in Bayombong town.

This correspondent tried to contact Bagalay at the DepEd division office but a staff member said he had not gone there.

Tablang confirmed that she received the complaint from the students last week.

"I have not seen him (Bagalay) here yet but I will ask him to answer the allegations," she said.

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RALPH G. RECTO
Senator

VILMA SANTOS-RECTO
Mayor, Lipa City

'Usual suspects' attack Victor Corpus' credibility

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He added that "as long as it is bad news, I will be part of it."

It was Corpus who exposed two years ago the alleged multimillion-dollar bank accounts of Lacson in Hong Kong and North America. But to date Corpus has yet to produce the evidence.

Not that way

Estrada also denied the other scenario raised by Corpus that Estrada's forces will assemble at the Edsa Shrine to lay siege on Malacañang. He said his supporters "have already learned that it cannot be done that way."

Told of the command center set up by civil society groups at the Edsa Shrine, Estrada remarked: "They are afraid of their own shadow, of what they had earlier done, which was to grab power (from me)."

No sense

"I can't make sense out of it," Honasan said, in reaction to Corpus' intelligence report.

"I can only surmise that this is a consequence of (my having declared to run for the presidency)," Honasan said.

The senator, a former Army colonel who figured in several coup attempts against the administration of former President Corazon Aquino, declared early this month that he plans to run for president in the 2004 elections and offered himself as a candidate of the united opposition.

Honasan said he talked to Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III yesterday upon learning of reports implicating him in an alleged coup plot.

"I explained to him (Sotto) that the opposition is the natural target (of this)," Honasan said.

Corpus slammed

Sotto himself called up the INQUIRER to declare that he was vouching for Honasan and other opposition members like Sen. Panfilo Lacson and former Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile and that they were not involved in any plan to overthrow the administration.

Sotto also slammed Corpus for making his claims against the opposition members.

He wondered how the Isafp could easily come up with intelligence reports against the opposition when it could not even produce reports on terrorist plots or the escape of Indonesian bomber Fathur Al-Gohzi.

"I think as minority leader of the legitimate opposition, I have to say that we (opposition) have never endorsed the use of violence or force to take over the government," Sotto said.

"I'm giving assurance that Honasan, Lacson and Enrile are not involved here," said Sotto after he received reports that Corpus was linking Honasan and other opposition members to this latest destabilization plot.

Ms Honasan in tears

Sotto said that Honasan was in Batangas City yesterday and his wife Jane was in tears after she learned that the senator was again being tagged as a coup plotter.

Sotto said he could only think of two reasons behind the new coup talk. He said that either the government was being misled by some people within the administration or some people were out to discredit the political opposition. *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac*

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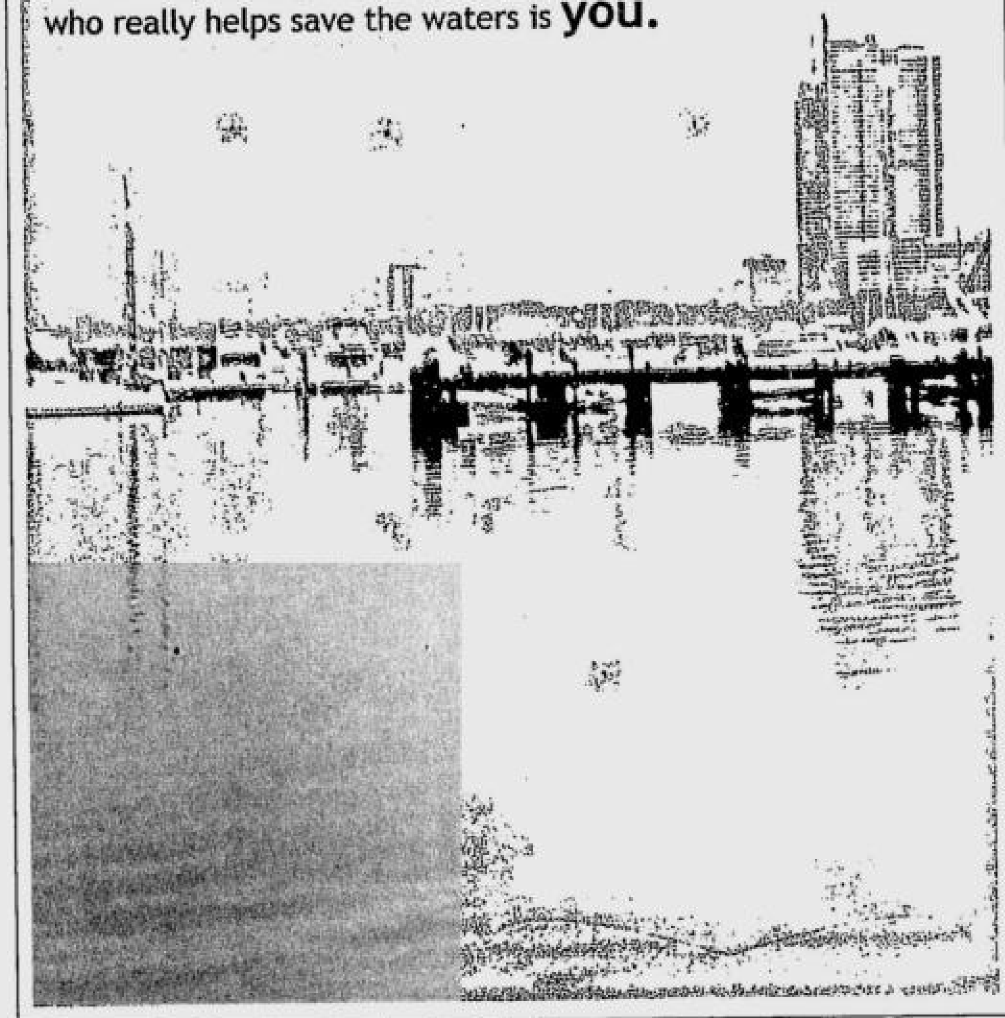

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Sin urges defense of GMA, gov't

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leader, Dan Songco, they went on alert after a chat the other day with the President who was at the shrine for a thanksgiving Mass. *(Story on Page A1.)*

"She told us to stay alert and put up contingency plans," Songco said.

Songco said their plans were firmed up after he and other civil society leaders listened to a briefing given yesterday by military intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus at Villa San Miguel, the Manila archbishop's Mandaluyong residence.

Sin, whose leadership had been crucial in the first Edsa revolt as well as the second that catapulted Ms Macapagal to the presidency, acknowledged that government reform was needed.

But he said it should be done "through peaceful means and deeds of justice and peace on the part of our leaders and of every one of us."

"We believe it is our duty to make ourselves intelligently alert and vigilant in the present situation so that the common good of our people may prevail," Sin said.

Sin issued the pastoral letter after the Corpus briefing yesterday.

Songco said the role of civil society in quashing any coup attempt was important to "assert civilian supremacy."

He said they had "no doubt" that Malacañang believes there is a coup plot.

Palace ploy?

The President and Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes had repeatedly played down coup rumors.

"If this is a Malacañang ploy, they will be found out and this will be very damaging to the President," Songco said.

"We were given credible information by credible people. We decided to err on the side of prudence," he added.

As Songco recalled, immediately after the Corpus briefing, the K1230 movement called an emergency meeting at the Serviam Hall of the Edsa Shrine. Around 70 people showed up.

He said he briefed the members about the meeting with Corpus. By 6 p.m., the group had a command center organized and people had been given specific assignments.

The command center has a couple of computers, a fax machine, a photocopier and a television set.

"We decided to prepare whether (the coup) happens or not," Songco said.

Outside the hall, a couple of dozen uniformed policemen and about eight fatigue-clad military men stood guard.

"We will be mobilizing people eventually, but we have to carefully plan it," Songco said.

He said they were prepared for a "48-hour" operation. Members have so far committed to the "stake-out" until Monday.

The vigil, one of them said, would last until the crisis is resolved.

Urgent call

"The most urgent call that we are giving to all our members in the Church sector, those in the parishes, all our lay partners and all those in the different institutions, is to come to the Edsa shrine tonight as soon as possible," Bro. Armin Luistro, chair of the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines or ARMSP, said.

During the discussions, some K1230 members were concerned that civilians could be put at risk if they mobilized now.

"We want the government to establish the threat first. We want them to make the call first. They have to lay the basis, then we will follow," Songco said.

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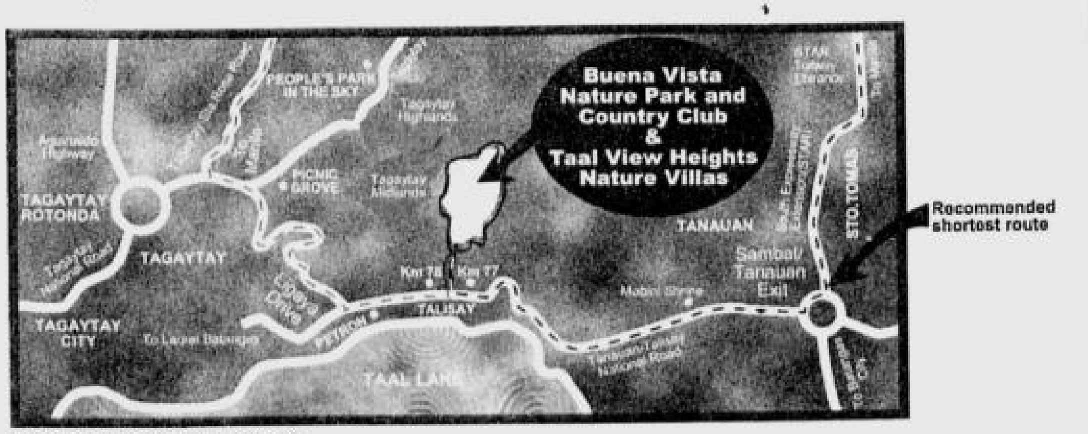

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5 cops face raps for drug raid killing

By Tina Santos

THE CENTRAL Police District Office is set to file criminal charges against five police officers for robbing and shooting to death a carpenter during an alleged drug raid in Quezon City last week.

Charges, including robbery with homicide and trespassing, are now being readied against SP04 Leonardo Padura Collado and four other policemen of the Batasan Hills Police Station.

CPD officials have yet to identify the four lawmen who were with Collado during the raid.

In a complaint filed with the CPD office, Ridzka Macapendeng positively identified Collado as the man who shot and killed her husband Tony when the lawmen stormed their house in Barangay Payatas on July 20 at around 11 p.m.

Ambushed Customs man out of danger

By Leila Salaverria

CUSTOMS Collector Felipe Bartolome is now out of danger following an ambush in Intramuros on Friday night where his driver was killed, police said.

SP04 Alfredo Salazar said they have also taken into custody a scavenger who witnessed the crime.

Salazar said Bartolome and his bodyguards, P03 Ricardo Castillo and P01 Raul Declaro, are recovering from the gunshot wounds they sustained in the ambush.

The lone fatality in the ambush was Bartolome's driver and Customs guard Erwin Melmida. He was killed on the spot, Salazar said.

Bartolome, a collector assigned at the Manila International Container Port, was going home on board his silver Hyundai Galloper II (SFY-338) when three men on motorcycles opened fire on the victims' vehicle at around 7 p.m. Friday at the Anda Circle in front of the Bureau of Internal Revenue office in Manila.

Investigators said Bartolome's bodyguards managed to fire back at the suspects and then took themselves to the Manila Doctors Hospital on board another vehicle.

All the windows of Bartolome's vehicle were smashed in the shoot-out.

The suspects, who were wearing bonnets that showed only their eyes, reportedly fled on board their motorcycles which they later abandoned.

Salazar said the police are still trying to find out the gunmen's motive.

Bartolome is the third customs collector to be ambushed this month.

On Thursday, Cebu Customs deputy collector for operations Eduardo Lao, Customs appraiser Bennet Soreno and a 16-year-old student were killed by two armed men. Two others were also wounded in the attack.

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Prisons chief suspends visits to Bilibid

By Margaux Ortiz

A BUREAU of corrections trying to correct itself.

This was how Bureau of Corrections director Gen. Dionisio Santiago described the agency's recent efforts to discipline both prison wardens and inmates of the National Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa City.

Santiago yesterday said the efforts stemmed from a surprise raid on the prison facilities last Wednesday, which led to the discovery of suspected shabu on convicts Peter Co, Willy Yang and Cheng She Wah.

Santiago said that aside from transferring the three to the disciplinary holding cells, he had also suspended the visiting privileges of all the inmates in Building 1 and Building 13 of the maximum security compound.

Santiago said prison guards had noticed Yang and Cheng acting suspiciously in the premises of Building 13.

He said that since the two were death convicts, they should have been restricted to Building 1.

After finding illegal substances and drug paraphernalia on the convicts, Santiago ordered an inspection of Building 13 during which prison guards found 30 grams of shabu inside the cell of Co, who is serving a life sentence for drug trafficking.

"The suspension of their visitation rights would enable the inmates to discipline themselves," Santiago told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

He said thousands of inmates housed in both buildings would eventually find out who were responsible for the indefinite suspension of their visitation rights and "make them pay."

"They (inmates) would not care if the three were locked up in a bartolina," Santiago said. "They will (find) a way to discipline the three troublemakers."

Santiago said he had also relieved the prison wardens responsible for Wednesday's fiasco.

He added that he would review the NBP system to prevent such incidents from happening again.

Boy with leukemia on the road to recovery

By Luige del Puerto

JOMA Mangulabnan, the 13-year old boy battling leukemia, has licked the disease after a team of doctors from the Asian Hospital and Medical Center successfully transplanted bone marrow cells into his body earlier this month.

Nine days after the procedure, the cells have begun to grow and, by the 13th day, Joma no longer needed another bone marrow transfusion.

Dr. Francisco Lopez, head of the medical team, said the true miracle was not that Joma was recovering so well, but that the boy was able to undergo the transplant at all.

"I have been consulted many times before and usually, money was not a problem for the families," he said. "But for the Mangulabnans, money was a problem but they were so determined (to save) Joma."

The INQUIRER first featured Joma on May 27. At that time, his father Rommel, was moving heaven and earth to get the money for the transplant.

Rommel earns about P8,000 a month as a contractual worker at the Light Rail Transit system. The transplant costs between P1.5 to P1.8 million, which meant that Rommel would have to work and save everything he earned for the next 15 years to pay for his son's treatment.

Help poured in after Joma's story was published, mostly in small bills and in notes of support and prayers.

But in two months' time, the family received a total of P900,000, according to Rommel. It could not cover the total bill, but it was enough to get the transplant going.

Rommel said the ACMC management also allowed his family to buy some of Joma's medicines in Singapore, where drugs were cheaper.

Jose Iñigo, Joma's older brother and a full scholar of President Macapagal-Arroyo at the PREF Southridge School for Boys in Alabang, proved a match and was Joma's donor.

Joma's mother Nancy said Iñigo never complained of pain or discomfort all throughout the operation.

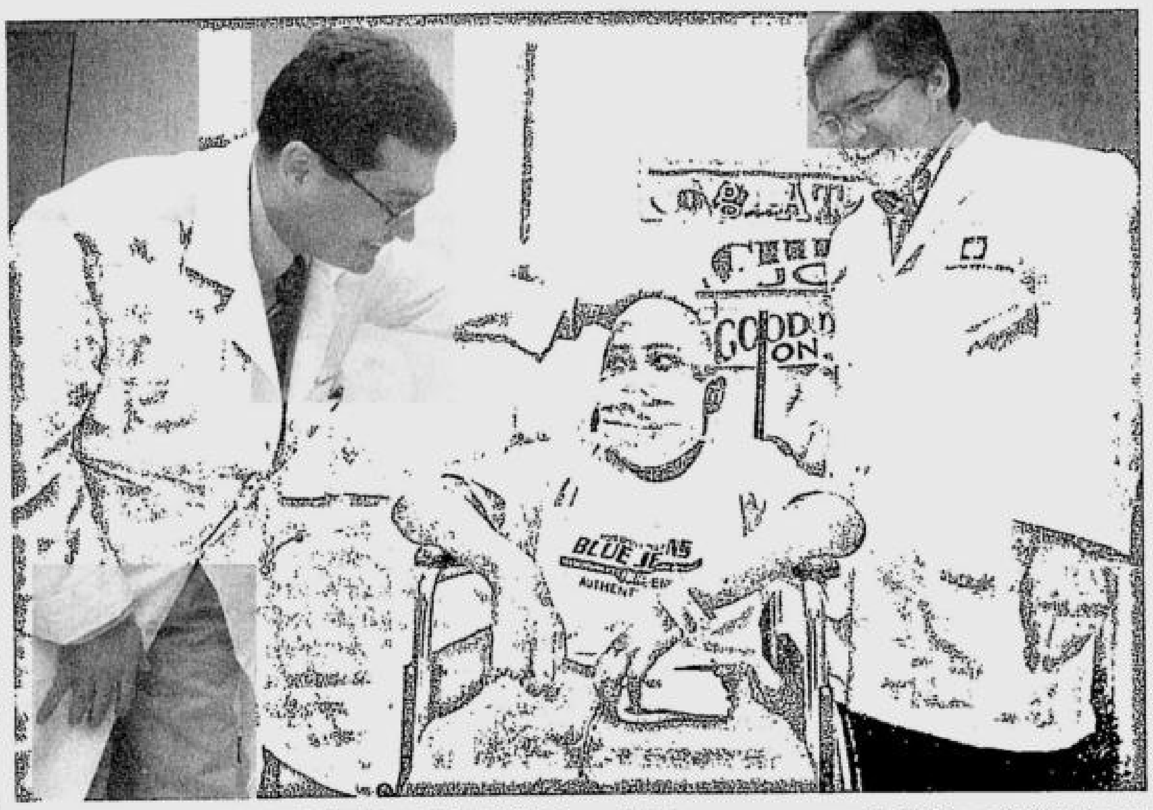
"I just want Joma to be well," he said.

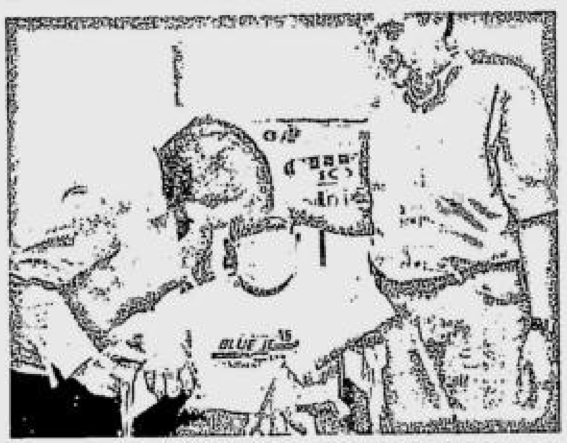
Last May 5, Iñigo asked Ms Macapagal for help. In his letter to the President, Jose asked her for a small favor.

"Madam, I am willing to forego my scholarship if you can only help my brother get a bone marrow transplant," he wrote.

The plea apparently fell on deaf ears. The family received no help from Malacañang.

On Friday, Joma's doctors held a small get together for their patient.





DOCTORS Francisco Lopez and Allan Robert Racho (top photo) have fun with Leukemia patient Joma Mangulabnan at the Asian Medical hospital in Alabang. Above, the parents of the boy watch a miracle unravel. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Lopez, together with Dr. Salvador Abad Santos and Dr. Allan Robert Racho, gave each member of Joma's family a pin "for their courage and determination."

Nancy was glowing.

"We know we were guided," she said. "We know God was watching. We did not know what to do, but He was there. The longest days of my life are over. I saw Joma smile when we saw him after the transplant. I was so happy."

Lopez said doctors were keeping a close watch on Joma in the next few weeks. The recovery rate of bone marrow transplant is 40 percent. He could easily get infected, his leukemia could still come back and his body might see the new bone marrow tissues as foreign invaders and attack them.

But they have the hospital's track record on their side.

Joma is the hospital's fourth case of bone marrow transplant. The first one, Nicole Figuerroa, 9, was up and running six months after the transplant.

Nicole, who went to Joma's little party, is now in school.

Joma is still weak, but the spark in his eyes is back.

Before he got sick, he had wanted to be a soldier. Thanks to all who helped, Joma might achieve his dream.

Joma's family still needs P500,000. They can be reached at (0917) 471-8647 or at 551-2959 and 804-0595.

METROBRIEFS

Saved by quick hand

RICARDO Loquia's quick hand on Friday saved the life of traffic enforcer Arnold Vera who was about to be stabbed by a jeepney driver in Mandaluyong City, police said. Loquia, a member of the Sto. Niño Towing Services, was able to parry the knife thrust of jeepney driver Alexander Orpilla, 20, who lost his temper when he saw his passenger jeep (PXA-109) being towed on Haig Street. At the police station, Orpilla said he never intended to stab Vera, a member of the Mandaluyong Traffic Group assigned to escort the tow truck. Orpilla said he got angry when the towing crew refused to listen to him. *Luige del Puerto*

Telltale wallet

A WALLET dropped by suspected drug user Mark Gil Mariscotes became the unfortunate key that led to his arrest in Taguig on Friday night. Mariscotes, 20, of Barangay Rizal, Makati City and Anthony Revelo, 21, of Ususan, Taguig, were riding a bicycle in Ususan when they passed a group of patrolling barangay watchmen at around 7:30 p.m. Mariscotes accidentally dropped his wallet which was picked up by one of the watchmen who discovered a plastic packet of shabu inside. A full body search on the two suspects yielded another drug packet. *Alcuin Papa*

Driver turns in cell phone

DRIVER Joe Larasco on Friday returned the mobile phone that a student had left in his passenger jeepney last July 22. Michael Dax de la Cruz, of Antipolo City, said he left his 8210 Nokia phone worth P13,000 in a jeepney bound for Antipolo. He said he did not expect to see his phone again when he went to the office of the Marikina Jeepney Terminal at the Public Safety Center complex to search for it. But when he got there, he was overwhelmed with joy when he found out that Larasco and his wife Jemma had turned over his phone to the office. "(The couple) are truly remarkable," he said. *Luige del Puerto*

INC marks 89th year

THE IGLESIA ni Cristo (INC) will commemorate its 89th foundation day today by holding special thanksgiving services in all its congregations around the world. But in view of the present economic condition of the country, there will be no celebration this year. The Iglesia ni Cristo was established in 1914 under the stewardship of the late Brother Felix Y. Manalo in Punta, Sta. Ana, Manila. Over the years, under the present executive minister, Brother Eraño G. Manalo, the Church has established congregations in different parts of the world, especially in the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and Africa.

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cilor Danilo Varona for possessing drug paraphernalia and about five grams of shabu.

Lasala said the raids were all covered with search warrants.

NBI officials identified the councilor's nephew as Luisito Varona. He was caught in a house on Fatima Street in San Miguel Village, Makati.

NBI officials said Varona would invite foreigners for a pot session inside the house and then strip his guests of their belongings. The bureau also learned that the residence was being used as a prostitution den.

The raiders also hit two other houses in the village and arrested five suspects, one of whom is a woman.

One of the houses, which is also on Fatima Street, is said to be owned by a son-in-law of former Vice President Salvador Laurel, according to NBI officials.

The search warrants were issued by Judge Ricardo Rosario of Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 66.

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by genuine Chinese-Filipinos," said Richard Alviar, Rotary Diamond-Manila president.

Stressing that 99 percent of Chinese-Filipinos are law-abiding citizens, Alviar said that he and other members of the community are prepared to back the government's anti-drug campaign by assisting the police in every way they can.

Alviar, speaking on behalf of the Chinese-Filipino community, called on the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Tourism to implement stringent measures on Chinese immigrants and closely monitor their activities.

Alviar said he recently met with Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco, National Capital Region Police Office chief, to discuss the problems of Chinese-Filipinos in the country.

According to Alviar, Velasco revealed that 95 percent of large-scale shabu producers which the NCRPO had rounded up were newcomers from the Chinese mainland.

But Velasco was quick to cite the contributions of the Chinese-Filipino community, particularly the Chinese-Filipino Business Club after it donated P1.5 million worth of assistance to the Metro Manila police force.

Star-struck masseur rubs stars' elbows, backs

By Elvira Mata

REY DAVID knows the intimate curves of the bodies of Dolphy, Sharon Cuneta, Aga Mulach, Cesar Montano, Edu Manzano, Phillip Salvador, Judy Ann Santos, Claudine Barretto, Jericho Rosales, to name a few actors.

As a mobile masseur to the stars, David, also known as "Masahe" has been showing up at television and movie sets to service the stars since he was 17.

Armed with a bottle of alcohol, he would give the stars a reflexology massage between takes.

David, 32, sticks around the set or location until the taping or shooting ends. If it's a sitcom or a telenovela taping, he could be hanging around the set until 2 a.m., sometimes until 5 in the morning.

If it's a movie on location, like the Sierra Madre mountains, he could stay for days on end.

David dreamed, and still does, of becoming an actor. He started out doing bit roles, and still does, in between giving "reflex" to the stars.

He himself looks like a star. On the day of this interview, he showed up, with Oakleyesque sunglasses, gelled hair and clad in a T-shirt emblazoned with the twin masks of showbiz. He looked cool.

But more interesting than his appearance are his hands. They are a man's hands but they are soft and smooth; his fingers not bony at all.

David was born star-struck in Muntinlupa to a mother who is a housewife and a father, who is body guard to the mayor. The middle child of five siblings, David learned to make money to augment the family income at an early age.

REY David, the man with the golden hands, tones the martial arts muscles of international star Cynthia Luster (left), and tends to sexy actress Rosanna Roces' body aches during a break in filming.

"I sold *ice buko* in the morning and *balut* at night," he said.

One day, he chanced upon the shooting of the movie "Panganib sa Bawa't Sandali ng Ligaya" in Muntinlupa. He went to the shooting every day and met Paquito Diaz, who "was the first actor (he) met personally."

He asked him how he could get a break in the movies, and was told he had to work out to make his body big.

Diaz also told him to hang out at Magnatech studios.

"But I didn't know where Magnatech was," David said.

At the taping of the TV soap "Heredero," David was able to get a bit role as one of the people drinking beer in a restaurant. He was paid P20 a day and got free meals.

When the soap moved its location to Laguna, David decided to go to Broadcast City which housed Channels 9 and 13, the top TV stations at that time.

David, who was then in high school, hopped on a bus after class in the morning to go to the studios. To get a free ride, he sold peanuts and candy to passengers of the bus. He used his charm to get inside Broadcast City.

"I befriended the guards. I would give them peanuts or cigarettes so they'd let me in. They told me which studios the shows were bring taped," he recalled.

David went to the tapings of "Iskul Bukol", "Hapi House" and "John en Marsha" where he first met Dolphy.

"I befriended Tito Dolphy's masahistas—Kanton and Rod Francisco. I watched how they 'reflexed' Tito Dolphy. One day I tried my fingers on Tito Dolphy. He didn't complain or say anything but the following week, Rod started to teach me how to give a massage. Tito Dolphy must have told him to teach me…"

He met a few more celebrities and more importantly, he learned the importance of knowing the legman and the talent coordinator of a movie or a TV show.

"They're the ones who would tell you when and where the next shooting would be and if they needed extras. They also let you enter a close set," he revealed.

While massaging Phillip Salvador's back, he met Erlyn Reyes, the actor's makeup artist.

"Erlyn encouraged me to continue with reflexology and told me about this book which I bought and which helped me a lot in my work," David said.

Erlyn also introduced him to Edu Manzano, who in turn introduced him to Sharon Cuneta during the shooting of "Pangako sa 'Yo." David has since become a Sharon fan.

When the megastar had an accident and injured her arm, David visited her at St. Luke's Hospital where he met her dad, Pablo Cuneta, who was watching TV and looking tired. David offered to give him a massage. The Pasay mayor liked David's service so much that he asked him to go to his house in Dasmariñas Village in the afternoons.

The rest, as they say, is history. David has since become a familiar figure in television studios and movie sets. His cellphone directory is as star-studded as a talent coordinator's mobile phone.

His busiest time is during filmfest season when five or more movies are being shot simultaneously. "Lagare," or hopping from one movie set to another was how David described his schedule during filmfest time.

Problems will arise if the movie is being shot in the province. David would have to make his own way there. But when he reaches the location, his star clients would take care of him, making sure he has a place to eat and sleep.

David could work 36 hours straight, shuttling from one location to next. This is why he brings along a change of clothes and "sleeping" money wherever he goes.

"When I am very very tired, I check into a motel. For P180, I can sleep for 10 hours. The roomboys ask me why I am alone and I tell them I just want to take a bath and sleep. In this line of work, it is important that you're clean," he explained.

There are days when he ends up sleeping in a vehicle with a driver. But there are also days when a client, after a really relaxing massage, would offer David the extra bed in his hotel room. "They would even treat me to breakfast the following day," he said.

His fee varies from one client to another, he said.

"Sometimes, they give me P200, P500, even P1000. Sometimes, they fall asleep and they don't pay me at all. Sometimes they forget. But they remember to pay me the next time they see me," David said.

To David, rubbing elbows with the stars and even rubbing their backs have been part of his job, even if his clients sometimes forget to pay for his services.

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Chinese-Filipinos hurting from shabu stigma

By Tina Santos

CHINESE-FILIPINOS have denounced members of the community who have been linked to the illegal drug trade, saying that the operations of the sinister few are destroying their hard-earned reputation.

"For years we have worked hard to earn our current social standing and we cannot allow (drug suspects)—who are newcomers—to destroy the hard-earned reputation and good image established

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NBI cripples international drug ring

By Leila Salaverria

TWO FILIPINOS who are allegedly members of a Nigerian drug syndicate based in Thailand have fallen into the hands of National Bureau of Investigation agents following a sting operation in Manila.

The arrest of the couple is believed to have crippled Philippine operations of the international drug ring.

In a report released only yesterday, the NBI said that Judybel A. Domingo, 27, and her live-in partner Telesforo B. Casajes were arrested last month after authorities enlisted the help of Domingo's drug courier.

The courier was arrested by United States authorities in Los Angeles, California, last month. The authorities also seized from the courier four kilos of cocaine worth P40M. The courier was supposed to take the drugs to Bangkok, Thailand, by way of Peru.

The NBI said that after the arrested Filipino courier had been persuaded to cooperate, members of the bureau, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, Bureau of Customs and the US Drug Enforcement Administration mounted a sting operation to catch Domingo.

The courier then called up Domingo to tell her that he had been unable to deliver the drugs to Bangkok because he lost his plane ticket and passport, but was, however, able to befriend a Filipina who had agreed to return the luggage to Domingo in the Philippines.

Members of the NBI's Reaction, Arrest and Interdiction Division (Raid) under lawyer Ruel Lasala established contact with Domingo through the courier and sent a woman NBI agent to bring drugs to the suspect.

After she was arrested, Domingo told the authorities that the syndicate she works for is composed of Nigerians who are based in Bangkok. She also revealed the group's top contact in the country, a Jonas Bumanlag. She said that she had decided to work for the drug group so that she could help her mother who is in a prison in Ecuador.

Yesterday morning, the NBI conducted 11 drug operations in Metro Manila and in nearby provinces like Laguna.

No illegal drugs had been found by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation who raided yesterday three houses suspected of being drug dens in a subdivision in Makati.

About 30 agents raided three houses in an upscale Makati City subdivision and arrested a nephew of Manila Coun-

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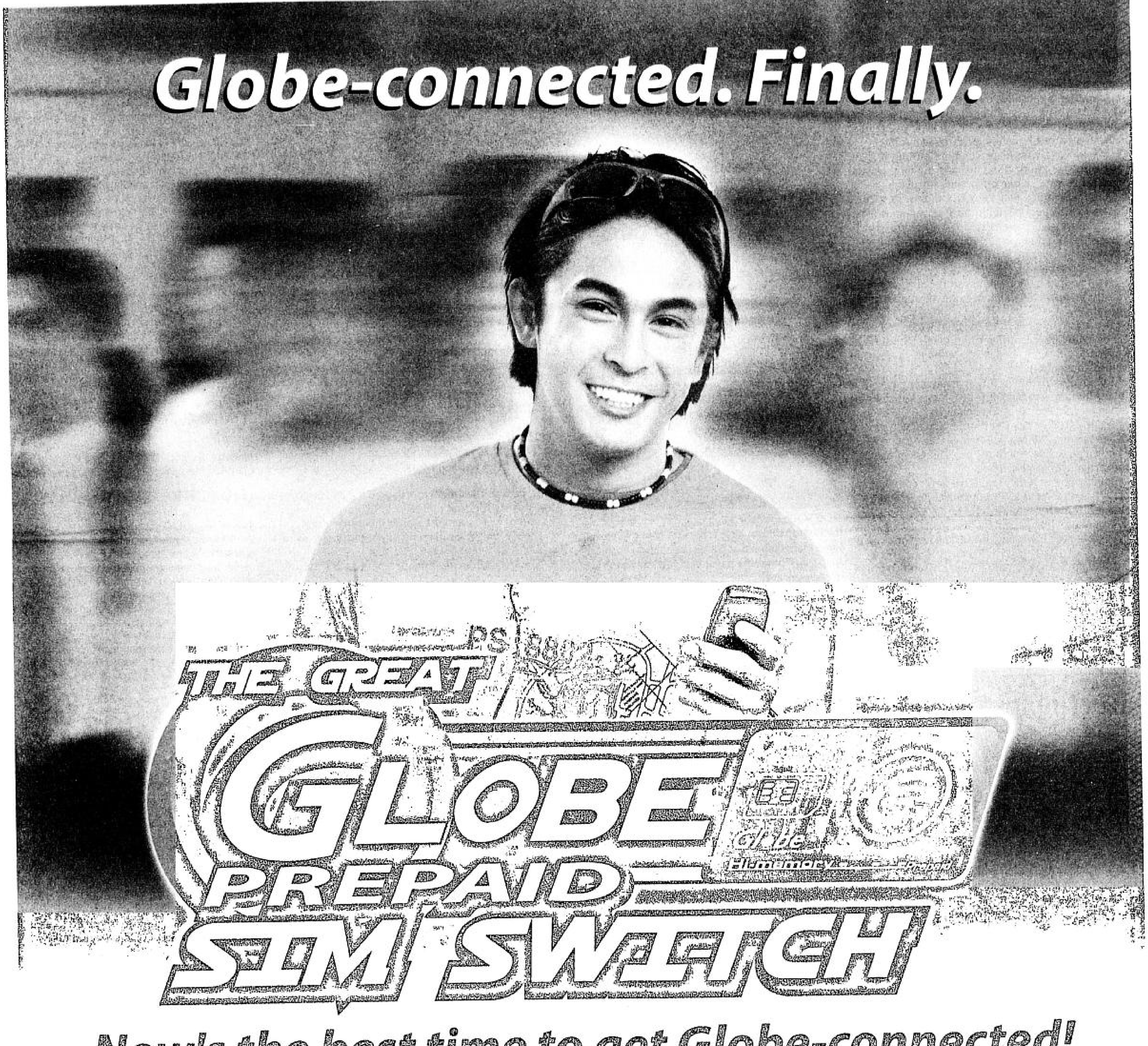

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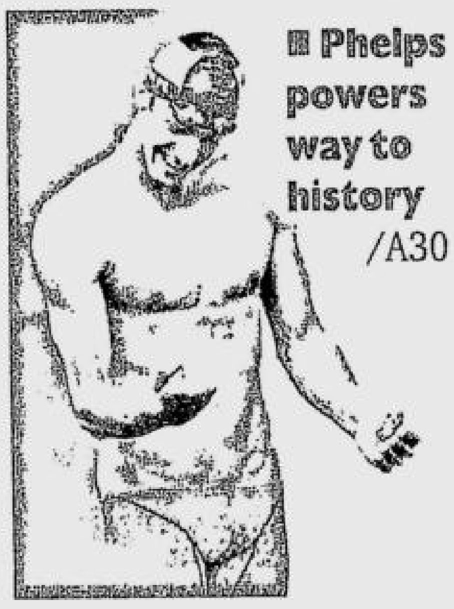

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PACQUIAO FIGHTS TODAY

Speed and sharpness versus Lucero's secret

By Recah Trinidad

LOS ANGELES, California—If Emmanuel Lucero, the short challenger, has found better weapons and developed fists faster than the ones he displayed in his fight videos, Manny Pacquiao could be in for a lot of trouble.

Pacquiao told the INQUIRER he found the shorter challenger somewhat slow; adding that Lucero, sort of amateurish, slams his punches from the side.

Speed and sharpness will be the core of Pacquiao's fourth defense of his International Boxing Federation super-bantamweight crown here Saturday (Sunday morning in Manila) and Lucero knows he will have to surpass himself to steal the Philippines' only world boxing title.

In fact, Lucero's trainer, Fermin Sencion of the Dominican Republic, refused to talk about an alleged "secret weapon" they had perfected against Pacquiao.

"Pacquiao is good, but my fighter did his job, he came here ready to beat the champ," Sencion said. "Of course, we won't say how we would do it."

The Pacquiao-Lucero fight at the Grand Olympic Auditorium is an undercard to the top event between local hero Fernando Vargas and Fitz Vanderpool, but the main supporting bout could steal the show if the challenger, as had been touted, has metamorphosed into a more polished boxer overnight.

Pacquiao told the INQUIRER yesterday he found the challenger, a former street fighter who has remained unbeaten in 22 pro bouts, extra nice, even tame.

"Mabait, parang batang maliit na ngiti nang ngiti," Pacquiao said after clearing the scales at 120.5 pounds, the lightest in all his title defenses.

This was the reason he had refused to make a prediction of how he expected to win. He said Lucero has to be repaid with kindness.

There's a distinct possibility though that the fight could turn into a mismatch.

Objectively, the Pacquiao-Lucero clash, based on height and heft, could loom uneven and be compared to a fight between a bantamweight and a featherweight.

Pacquiao, who stands 5-foot-6 says he expects to enter the ring at 129 lbs. He could try and balloon to as much as 132 lbs, the maximum allowed by the IBF, but Pacquiao said he feels strongest, sharpest at a shade below 130.

Although Lucero at 5-foot-4 stands two inches shorter than the champ, Pacquiao said he has to work extra hard to avoid the challenger's rib-crushing blows that had earned him the sobriquet *carnicero* (butcher).

PACQUIAO clears the scales at 120.5 lbs., the lightest in all his title bouts. VAL HANDUMON

"Suntukan na (It's fight time)," blurted the visibly excited Pacquiao as he set out for a feast in a Filipino restaurant downtown with members of his team. He said he would ask for *kalderetang kambing* and chicken soup.

The champ did not show any bitterness and had to calm down his business manager, Rod Nazario, who discovered during the weigh-in and medical test that there indeed had been efforts to sabotage Pacquiao's title defense here. *(See related story on Page 26).*

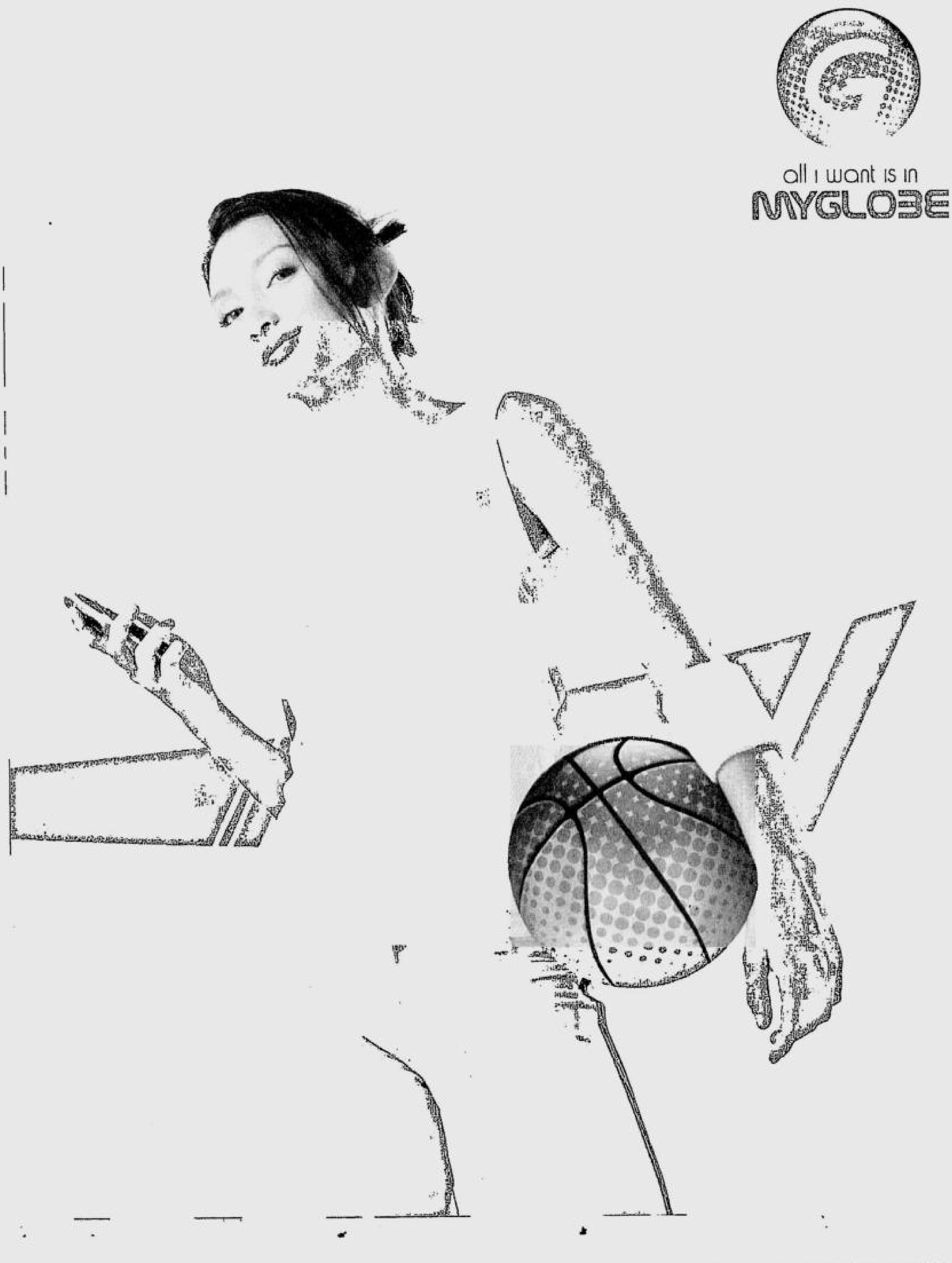
He then stood up from his bed, bared the shiny, well-carved belly muscles, then hit the air with a jolting jab quickly followed by hefty left uppercut.

"Iyan talaga ang gagamitin ko, sukat na sukat (That will be my main weapon, perfectly set up)," he explained with a wide smile.

He was readily cautioned against over-confidence.

Earlier, bookmakers in Las Vegas said the odds for the championship stood at 12-1 in favor of Pacquiao.

But handlers of the lone Filipino world boxing crown-holder later said the odds should only be 3-1.



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Tigers rip Tamaraws behind Hubalde

By Dennis U. Eroa

THINGS looked bleak for Santo Tomas until swingman Derick Hubalde decided to take matters into his own hands.

Hubalde, known for his impeccable outside touch, exploded just in time as Santo Tomas stunned Far Eastern, 51-45, last night in the UAAP men's basketball championship at the Blue Eagle Gym.

The six-foot-two son of former PBA MVP Freddie Hubalde, with just a point in the first three quarters, came alive by scoring seven in the final five minutes as the Tigers stopped the three-game winning streak of the Tamaraws.

Arwind Santos capped FEU's blistering rally from 12 points down, 37-23 with a jumper that moved the Tams within 44-46, but Hubalde converted three of four free throws to give UST its second win in four games.

FEU's loss enabled La Salle to gain the solo leadership with an immaculate 3-0 card. University of the East is in solo third with a 2-1 slate.

In the first game, shock troopers Doug Kramer, Badjie del Rosario and JC Intal shone for the second straight game as titleholder Ateneo whipped National University, 63-57, to also improve its win-loss record to 2-2.

NU absorbed its third straight setback after beating University of the Philippines, 74-70, in the season opener last July 12 at the Big Dome.

Del Rosario, known for his gutsy defense, sizzled with 11 points, before going out of the match due to cramps in the fourth quarter, while the 6-foot-4 Intal, a prized find from the Letran Squires, made up for his two-point showing by collaring nine of Ateneo's 48 rebounds.

But it was Kramer, who made the biggest impact with his 10-point and 8-rebound performance as he ably helped Rich Alvarez in patrolling the paint with authority.

Now on his second year with the Eagles, Kramer, a recruit from Baguio, had the predominantly Ateneo crowd roaring in delight as he made a rim-rattling dunk courtesy of a Wesley Gonzales pass, 44-27, at halftime.

In the lone junior game, the Eaglets roared to a lopsided 83-point win over the hapless NU Bullpups, 108-25, for a 2-1 card. NU dropped to 0-3.

Scores:

First Game (Jrs)

ATENEO 108—Barracoso 23, Dizon 16, Encarnacion 15, Reyes 13, Nadal 9, Manlapaz 6, Lopa 6, Medina 6, Santos 4, Chiu 4, Audencial 3.

NU 25—Garduno 5, Co 5, Balabbo 5, Piamonte 4, Valencia 3, De Leon 2, Bernanbe 0, Gawson 0.

Quarters: 29-4, 63-14, 86-17, 108-25

Second Game (Srs)

ATENEO 63—Alvarez 12, Gonzales 11, Del Rosario 11, Kramer 10, Fonacier 9, Membrere 4, Bugia 2, Intal 2, Tenorio 2, Tiu 0, Escalona 0.

NU 57—Mendoza 12, Catamora 10, Baguion 9, Tolentino 6, Malagueno 6, Cajayon 5, Balijon 5, Miclat 2, Malcontento 1, Mollena 1, Catamora C. 0.

Quarters: 23-10, 44-27, 56-42, 63-57

Third Game

UST 51—Vizcarra 10, Manansala 10, Espiritu 9, Hubalde 8, De Guzman 7, Pribdhas 4, Villamin 2, Del Rosario 1, Dizon 0, Evangelista 0.

FEU 45—Santos 14, Catli 7, Rizada 6, Jones 5, Sinco 5, Isip 4, Zablan 1, Chan 1, Razon 1, Sierra 1, Miranda 0.

Quarters: 19-11, 30-19, 39-34, 51-45

ATENEO'S Marc Anthony Escalona grabs possession during a scramble with National's Ronnie Cajayon in yesterday's game. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Jones wants either Iron Mike or Lewis

WASHINGTON—World Boxing Association heavyweight champion Roy Jones is talking to Mike Tyson and Britain's Lennox Lewis about a possible heavyweight title showdown, but no deals are set according to Jones' attorney.

"We have spoken with Tyson and Lewis but nothing is in place at the moment," Jacobs told AFP, adding that promoter Murad Muhammad had "researched some potential sites" for Jones' next fight.

Reports of a Nov. 8 Jones fight in Nairobi, Kenya, appear to have been premature.

Last month, Jones appeared set for a title defense against fellow American and former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield.

But those talks broke down and Holyfield is now set to fight International Boxing Federation cruiserweight champion James Toney in an all-American show on Oct. 4 in Las Vegas.

Jones has not fought since March 1 when he beat John Ruiz for the WBA crown. The WBA has ordered Jones to make a mandatory defense by Sept. 1.

Earlier this month, Lewis mentioned Jones as a possible future foe but said he wants his next fight to be a rematch with Ukrainian Vitali Klitschko.

World Boxing Council champion Lewis beat Klitschko last month in Los Angeles when doctors halted the fight due to a severe cut suffered by Klitschko.

Former undisputed champion Tyson has not fought since a first-round stoppage of fellow American Clifford Etienne in February.

Since then he has been involved in a hotel lobby fight. He faces a court date over that incident as well as a lawsuit against promoter Don King and one against him by a psychiatrist demanding back pay. *AFP*

I'm a world champ, too –Tuñacao

By Salven L. Lagumbay

IBF superbantam champion Manny Pacquiao is not the only reigning Filipino world titlist. Noel Tuñacao of Mandaue City claims he deserves the same accolade as Pacquiao as current International Boxing Organization strawweight champion.

Nicknamed "The Eel" owing to his extraordinary talent to get out of harm's way in every fight, Tuñacao, 31, bagged the IBO crown last March 8, stopping Indonesian Abrinset Matta in the 10th round of their scheduled 12-round battle for the vacant title in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia.

However, the IBO, a relatively new ring group, is considered way below the category of the more prestigious and popularly acclaimed world boxing bodies like the WBA, WBC and IBF.

The older brother of former World Boxing Council flyweight champ Malcolm "Eagle Eye" Tuñacao, who is currently rated no. 4 by the WBC in the superflyweight category, owns 38 wins, 18 of them KOs, and 2 draws against 6 losses.

"Our camp would like to point out that Noel Tuñacao, who belongs to the Stonewall Boxing Club of Cebu, is a legitimate holder of the IBO title and thus is a legitimate world champ just like Pacquiao," said Terry Carter, Tuñacao's manager.

Aside from Tuñacao, the other IBO world titlists are heavyweight Lennox Lewis, cruiserweight Sebastian Rothman, supermiddleweight Brian Magee, middleweight Raymond Joval, light middleweight Richard Williams, welterweight Jawaid Khaliq, light welterweight Pablo Sarmiento, superfeatherweight Cassius Baloyi, bantamweight Silence Mabuza, superfly Lunga Ntontela, flyweight Mzukisi Sikali and light flyweight Mhikiza Myekeni.

Ex-Pacquiao cutman spread 'hepa' rumor

By Recah Trinidad

LOS ANGELES, California-Efforts to sabotage Manny Pacquiao's world title defense were confirmed here yesterday.

Rod Nazario, Pacquiao's business manager, pinpointed Ruben Gomez, a Mexican cutman who had been eased out of Team Pacquiao, as the culprit.

Nazario said it was discovered that Gomez had faked the results of Pacquiao's blood test then spread the rumor that the champ had tested positive for hepatitis B.

In fact, Gomez, identified with the Lou Dibella group that failed to pirate Pacquiao from his current handlers, had offered to take the champ out for a blood test well ahead of the schedule Friday last week.

Pacquiao agreed to join Gomez at the clinic where samples were taken from the champ.

But before they knew it, rumors had spread early this week that Pacquiao had hepa B.

Worse, word spread all over Manila that Pacquiao's title defense would have to be scrapped based on the blood test.

Nazario said a second test was conducted on Tuesday upon the request of HBO, which is promoting the card.

This new test was used by the California State Athletic Commission in clearing Pacquiao for the fourth defense of his title against Emmanuel Lucero.

Nazario said that, when he presented the results given to him by Gomez, fight officials discovered they were all fake.

Gomez, who used to hang out at Freddie Roach Wild Card Gym here, has not been heard of since Monday.

Pacquiao, himself surprised at the behavior of his former cut man, swore that bad things won't prosper in this world.

"*Ang masama hindi po nagtatagumpay.*"

THE EX-CUTMAN faked the blood test results of the Filipino champ (above). BONG MALABANAN

Pact with Pacquiao

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE QUESTION is not whether or not Manny Pacquiao will win today.

The question is, will he be knocked out or will he win by knockout?

We all know of Pacquiao's punching power. But of his opponent's ability to destroy an enemy, we face a blank wall; no one has seen him fight.

As pictured in the stories already written about Pacquiao's challenger, it appears that Emmanuel Lucero is a monster of a foe. The Mexican was even touted as the new Rocky Marciano.

Remember Marciano?

He was the undefeated world heavyweight boxing champion who could kill a bull with one punch. But life's mystery saw Marciano getting killed in a plane crash while on a mercy mission for people in need of food.

Pacquiao's challenger grew up in Bronx, New York, but is now based in Los Angeles, California, the venue of today's world title fight.

By tradition, Lucero goes home to Mexico City, his land of birth, every time he has a fight coming up.

Lucero's power is such that he is nicknamed "El Carnicero," which means "The Butcher."

In his recent homecoming, Lucero, 24 and 5-foot-5 like Pacquiao, was reported as having put a bull to sleep with one punch to the bull's forehead. The bull was then butchered as an offering to the gods of boxing. A cup of the bull's blood, Lucero drank.

"He practices voodoo," one report said of Lucero.

I have no doubt Lucero can punch. His record is a remarkable 21 wins with no defeat. He owns 12 knockouts, 9 of them inside three rounds, three in the first round.

Impressive, huh?

But if he can punch, can he fight, too?

There's a whale of a difference between knowing how to punch and knowing how to fight.

And how about knowing how to parry a punch?

Boxing, in case you've forgotten, is the art of self-defense.

Lucero might have the punch, but if he doesn't have defense, he could be in big trouble. Against a guy like Pacquiao, you might go to sleep in the wink of an eye.

I have a sneaky suspicion Lucero, unblemished record and all, has not fought the likes of a Pacquiao.

Ranked No. 10 by the IBF, Lucero has not had a fight involving a marquee boxer. As Hermie Rivera loves to say of fighters like Lucero, "Either the guy must have fought neighbors living in want that they'd fight anybody for a meal or two, or drug addicts beyond redemption."

In contrast, Pacquiao has practically fought the best of the best in the 122-pound division.

If Lucero can knock out foes with ease, so can Pacquiao.

After losing—almost on purpose—his World Boxing Council flyweight crown, Pacquiao won 11 of his next 12 fights in the superbantamweight division. The one that got away escaped with a draw. Ten of those wins came by knockout.

In 38 fights, Pacquiao lost only twice; but those losses were practically flukes. In one, he climbed the ring already a beaten man: he was overweight and thus lost his title on a technicality.

Pacquiao, defending his crown today for the fourth time, has scored 28 knockouts, including six in the first round and 15 in three rounds. I have yet to see a Filipino punch as hard as Pacquiao. Pacquiao hits foes as hard as Tyson did in his prime.

If they slug it out right on opening bell, the first one to connect will win it. If it does not happen in the first round, it will within five rounds.

After a fluke of a loss early in his career due to carelessness before that "overweight" setback felled him, I have seen Pacquiao mature through the years. Since then, he has absorbed real mean punches and survived them all.

Lucero may yet have that KO punch of his own but for him to survive Pacquiao, he needs all the voodoo of Namibia and Mozambique.

If I could have a pact with Pacquiao, I'd sign for him to win within five.

And next bet my wife's one-month allowance on that.

Red Bull tests tough Yonsei five

Foreign-flavored PBA Invitational reels off today

GAMES TODAY (Cuneta Astrodome)
4 p.m.—San Miguel vs Cebuana Lhuillier-RP team
6:30 p.m.—Red Bull vs Yonsei University

By June Navarro

THE PHILIPPINE Basketball Association makes its first bold step on going global when the foreign-spiced Samsung-PBA Invitational Championship fires off today at the Cuneta Astrodome.

Three talented foreign squads from Yugoslavia, China and South Korea will test the mettle of six PBA teams and the national quintet hoping to get experience and enough savvy for two international tournaments this year.

Red Bull Barako takes the first crack at the visitors when the Thunder face South Korea's Yonsei University in the 6:30 p.m. mainer.

San Miguel Beer and the Cebuana Lhuillier-RP Team, which is using the single-round tournament mainly as preparation for its defense of the basketball title in the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games in December, clash at 4 p.m. following a brief but festive opening ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

China's Magnolia-Jilin and Novi Sad of Yugoslavia are the other foreign squads in the championship which stakes a $20,000 prize to the visiting team that tops the conference.

Novi Sad, backed by the Lamoiyan Corp. of Cecilio De Pedro, and Yonsei are bracketed with reigning All-Filipino champion Talk 'N Text, FedEx and Red Bull Barako.

Beefed up by Ma Jián, a former Chinese superstar who almost made it to the NBA during his prime, Magnolia-Jilin was grouped with San Miguel Beer, Coca-Cola, Alaska and the Cebuana Lhuillier-RP team.

Although foreign teams had played in the league before, the second conference tournament sends PBA Commissioner Noli Eala's globalization plan soaring into orbit.

Opening the league to the international field was one of Eala's proposal before he became commissioner and this Invitational is proof that the Board of Governors has thrown its support behind him.

Jimwell Torion makes his debut after serving a three-month suspension and is expected to again restore order on the floor for the Thunder.

Red Bull missed the 5-foot-9 Cebuano playmaker, who was suspended for failing a drug test. After going through rehab and a counseling program.

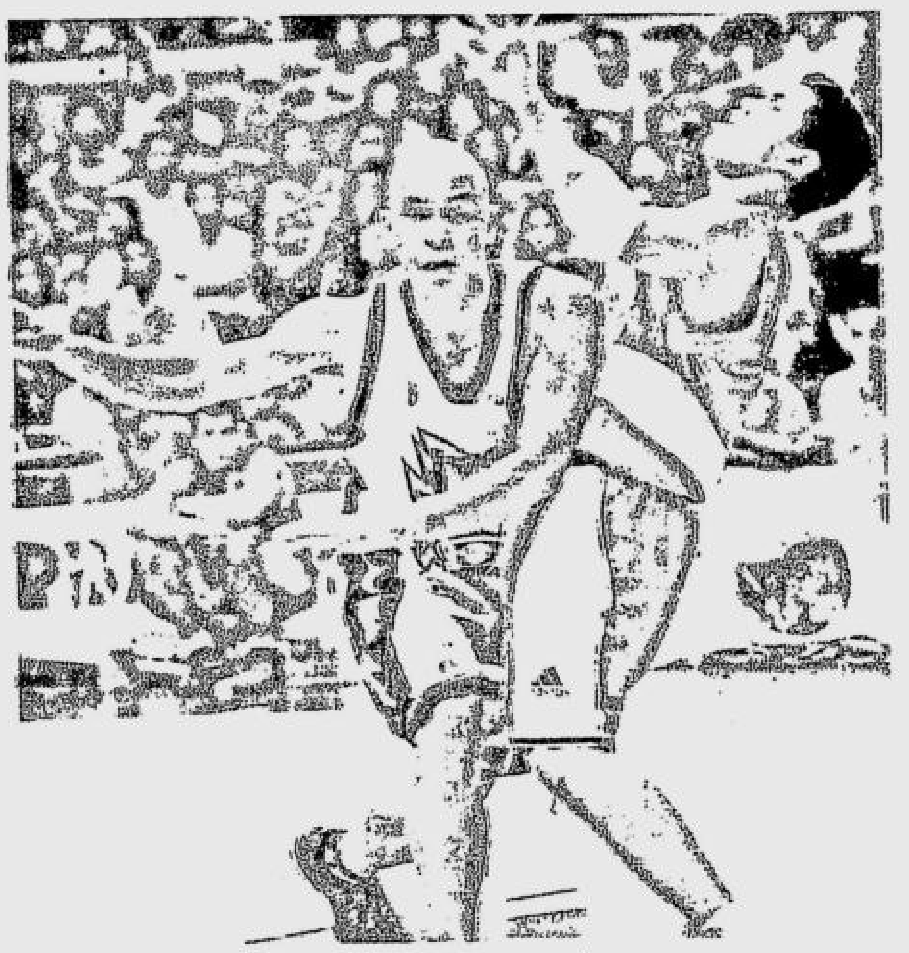
Torion was reinstated by the PBA and secured his professional license from the Games and Amusements Board last Friday.

The Yonsei squad is bannered by four standouts of South Korea's juniors' team that shocked China in a recent world match in Greece.

Each group will play a single round with the top two teams advancing to the crossover semifinals. The semifinal winners collide for the title in a best-of-three series.

The national flags will be raised and the anthems of the three foreign countries will be played during the opening rites. The league will also unfurl streamers stressing the tourney's aim to foster friendship among the participating countries.

"We also want this to serve as a goodwill tournament aside from being just a competitive one," said Eala.



JIMWELL Torion, here working against Johnny Abarrientos of Coca-Cola in this file photo, returns to action for Red Bull today .
AUGUST DELA CRUZ

CDO gets Hall of Fame award

The Hall of Fame award was conferred to CDO-Foodsphere, Inc. by the Consumers Union of the Philippines during the 14th Annual National Consumers Awards night held July 4 at the Westin Philippine Plaza in Pasay City.

Recognizing the company's great stride in providing nutritious and affordable food products to the Filipino consumer, the CUP cited CDO-Foodsphere as the Outstanding Meat Processor for five consecutive years from 1999 to 2003, making it the first and only meat processor in the country to have earned such an accolade.

The food company, represented by its AVP for manufacturing Amy Cuna and VP for sales and marketing Ed Reataza, received the ANCA Statuette which symbolizes the unwavering commitment of CUP to safeguard the consumer's right for safe and good quality products.

"It's an organization worthy of emulation and recognition," said CUP President Quirino Marquinez.

Conceived in 1962, the CUP strongly advocates that quality, truth, and honesty should be the guiding factors behind the field of manufacturing and marketing of products and services.

The CUP creates awareness and educates the consumers of its rights and responsibilities in facing the challenges in the global market.

CDO has become an icon to millions of Filipino consumers, a brand that has etched a reputation for affordable but quality food products that include its succulent Christmas Hams, Karne Norte, Bibbo Hotdog and a host of similar specialties.

Its modern processing technology with cutting-edge equipment and production techniques attest to the company's firm commitment to give the consumers the best products they can be proud of.

CDO-Foodsphere's distribution and logistics support system ensures the public of well distributed products.

This system also promotes entrepreneurship among third party groups to partner with the company in ensuring the availability of CDO products in the food supply chain.

"By maximizing our distribution through distributors and dealers, we do not only make our products available to the greatest number of people, but we are also nourishing business partnerships," said Reataza.

CDO-Foodsphere grew from a cottage industry established in 1975 in Marulas, Valenzuela City with tocino and longaniza as start-up products that became instant bestsellers within the community. From neighborhood customers, the food enterprise branched out to company cafeterias and hospital dietitians.

Today, CDO has become a respectable icon in the local food market reaching out to every possible trade outlet, a strong manifestation that the brand is indeed worthy

The Consumers Union of the Philippines has elevated CDO-Foodsphere to the Hall of Fame Award for having won the Outstanding Meat Processor citation for five consecutive years from 1999 to 2003 during the awarding rites held July 4 at the Westin Philippine Plaza in Pasay City. Photo shows (from left) CUP President Quirino Marquinez, CDO-Foodsphere Vice President for Sales & Marketing Ed Reataza and AVP for Manufacturing Amy Cuna, and Rev. Sonia Lim.

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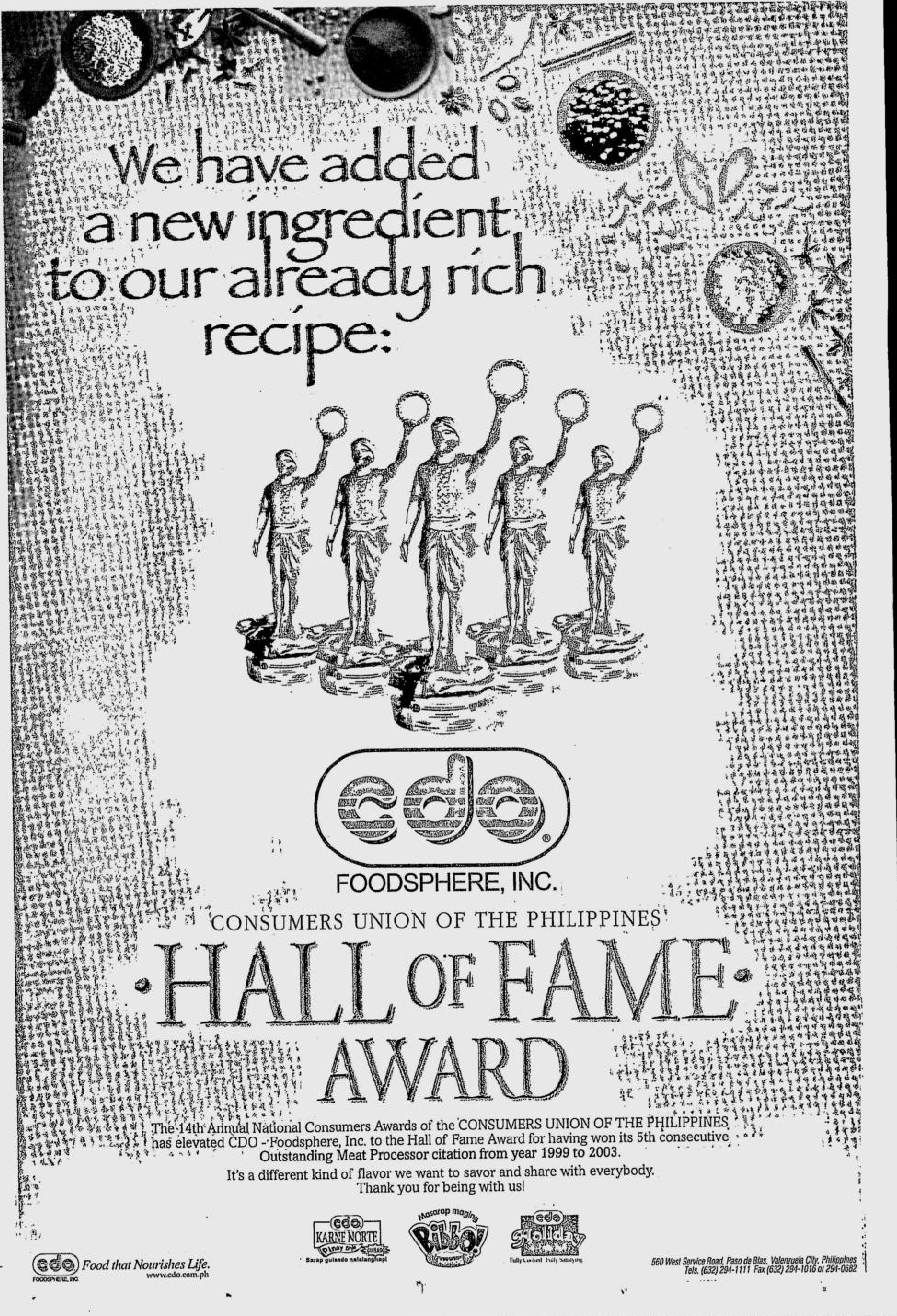

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EVIAN MASTERS

Greens baffle Jenny no end

ANOTHER bad putting day shut the door on Jenny Rosales in her drive to come close to a Top 10 finish on Friday (Saturday in Manila) in the Evian Ladies Masters in France.

Rosales made three three-putt miscues for the second straight day on the undulating greens and skidded from a share of 24th to 30th after a one-over-par 73 at the up-and-down Masters Golf Club course.

Five bogeys nullified Rosales' four birdies in the third round and the Pagcor-sponsored pro will now have a lot of scrambling to do in the final round where she starts 14 shots behind American co-leaders Juli Inkster and Rosie Jones.

Inkster set a course record eight-under 64 to pull even with Jones, who had a steady 67, at 207. They were two strokes ahead of the red-hot Korean Hee Won-Han, winner of last week's Big Apple Classic in Rochelle, New York, who shot 65.

Defending champion Annika Sorenstam finally flashed her deadly form but her 67 could only bring her to 18th place at 212, still 10 behind. US Open champ Hilary Lunke was near the bottom, her 75-223 good for a share of 59th.

Fil-Am Dorothy Joy Delasin submitted a scorecard one more than Rosales and dropped to a tie for 36th at 217.

Bong Lopez, the swing guru who is joining Jenny in her European campaign, said Rosales and her caddie Sam Hanshow are both having a hard time reading the greens of the course they really don't know too well.

"They are practically struggling to get a good read but in reality, everybody's having a hard time," said Lopez in a text message to the INQUIRER. "The roller- coaster character of the greens make it difficult to get the right break."

Despite her first three-putt bogey on the third hole, Rosales charged back with birdies on the fifth and sixth holes and seemed in control of her game. But things went sour after she bogeyed the 10th as she committed two more three-putt errors on the 11th and 14th. *Jong Arcano*

PUTTING has been Rosales' Achilles heel. PDI PHOTO

Agojo takes SF junior crown; Handog fourth

JAYVIE Agojo has added a San Francisco junior championship title to the growing collection of victories by Filipino jungolfers in the United States, winning the girls' 15-17 years division crown in runaway fashion.

The 16-year-old Agojo fired rounds of one-over-par 73 and two-under 70 for a 143 total at the Lincoln Golf Club—the same course where Fil-Am Dorothy Delasin honed her skills as an amateur before becoming an LPGA star—in South San Francisco recently.

Geleen Handog placed fourth in the 12-14 years category as she ruined her bid with a triple-bogey seven on the final hole. Handog had a 71-83-154.

Fil-American youngsters, including the younger sister of Delasin, Dodesa, were among those who competed in the tourney.

The victory of Agojo, a senior at OB Montessori-Greenhills, was her second in the US after winning in the Temecula International championships two weeks ago. It also came on the heels of a big triple victory feat by Filipino jungolfers in the Desert Junior Classic in Palm Springs, California.

Agojo flies to Florida for the Optimist International, the final stop of her US campaign, on Sunday.

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In the news

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1 > 3 Pts.
☐ True / ☐ False: Talk N' Text's 78-76 title win over Coca-Cola in the PBA All Filipino Cup came on the eve of the 50th birthday of team owner Manny Pangilinan.

2 > 5 Pts.
What NBA superstar is accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman at a resort in Colorado?
- ☐ Gary Payton
- ☐ Kobe Bryant

3 > 7 Pts.
Ranked No. 396 in the world, which rookie golfer outlasted the big guns to win the British Open at Royal St. George's in Sandwich, England?
- ☐ Ben Curtis
- ☐ Mark Roe
- ☐ Hennie Otto

4 > 10 Pts.
Fill in the blank: In the Tour de France, the mission of Lance Armstrong to become the ___ man to win the tough event for the fifth straight time.
- ☐ 1st
- ☐ 2nd
- ☐ 3rd

5 > 20 Pts.
What city has won the right to host the 2010 Winter Olympic Games?
- ☐ Torino (Italy)
- ☐ Reykjavik (Iceland)
- ☐ Osaka (Japan)
- ☐ Vancouver (Canada)

6 > 25 Pts.
What was the scoreline of Thorsten Hohmann's victory over Alex Pagulayan in the finals of the World Pool Championship in Cardiff, Wales?
- ☐ 17-10
- ☐ 17-12
- ☐ 17-14
- ☐ 17-16

7 > 30 Pts.
Hooping' it up: What country ruled the World Junior Basketball Championship in Thessaloniki, Greece, by blasting Lithuania, 126-92?

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Park takes stroll to US girls' final

FAIRFIELD, Connecticut—Defending champion In-Bee Park advanced to the title match of the US Girls' Junior for a second straight year with a 3-and-2 victory over Paula Creamer, the top-ranked junior in the country.

Park, 15, will play Sukjin-Lee Wuesthoff in Saturday's 18-hole final at Brooklawn Country Club. Wuesthoff eliminated Mina Harigae 2-up in Friday's other semifinal.

Harigae advanced to the semifinals with a 19-hole victory in the morning over Morgan Pressel. Pressel eliminated 13-year-old Korean-American sensation Michell Wie in the third round on Thursday.

Park birdied No. 6 to go 1-up and then took a two-hole lead with a downhill 25-foot birdie putt on the par-3 10th. A bogey on the 11th, her second of the day, reduced the lead to one, then Park won the next three holes.

"In-Bee made everything," the 16-year-old Creamer said. "She hit the ball great. The very few times she didn't hit it well, I couldn't take advantage.

"She played better than me. She deserved to win that match today."

Park said this year's tournament is tougher than last year's.

"There are more great players here," she said.

Wuesthoff, adopted by an aunt and uncle in Toms River, New Jersey, after she moved from South Korea four years ago to learn golf, lost two of the first three holes in her semifinal. *AP*

NICKLAUS six down in Seniors British Open.

Big Jack relishes playing golf again

TURNBERRY, Scotland—He may be six shots behind upstart leader Carl Mason and trailing big rival Tom Watson by four at the Senior British Open, but Jack Nicklaus says he's rediscovered how to play golf.

"I'm in good shape, the best shape I've been in a tournament for a long time," Nicklaus said Friday after his 3-under 67 kept him just about in contention at Turnberry. "It's the first time this year I've felt like I'm playing golf.

"I've participated, but I haven't really played golf."

Nicklaus has been plagued by back and hip injuries for several years and hasn't won a tournament since 1996.

Playing alongside Mason, who fired a 64 to take a one-stroke lead at 9 under 131, and Watson, who is tied for third at 133, he wasn't left behind.

"I have actually played quite a bit of golf this year because I've felt reasonably healthy and I felt like I could go out there and hit it," Nicklaus said.

"But I haven't been able to put a score on the board.

"I started to score a little bit today and kept my game good and played the shots I wanted to and not get myself into trouble," he said.

"I was very proud of that and it was a very good round of golf."

Nicklaus was in easily the best trio of the day in terms of scoring with he, Mason and Watson shooting a combined 12 under par.

"Mason holed a ton of putts. Tom holed a flood of putts today," he said. "But that's what you've got to do. It's the first time I've seen Carl play and he played very nicely." *AP*

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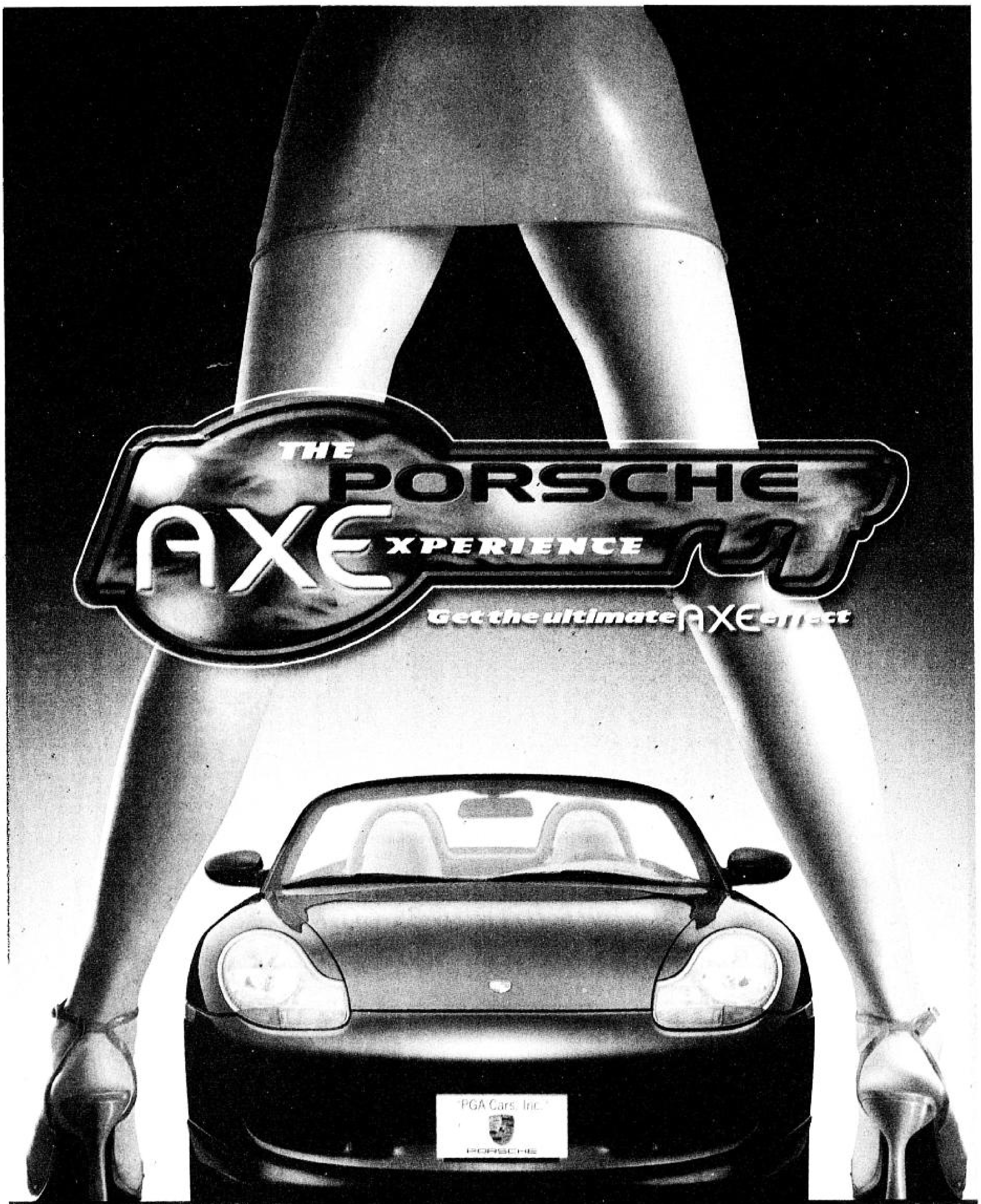

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Qualifier trips Dokic; Capriati survives

STANFORD, California—Jelena Dokic was upset at the Bank of the West Classic on Friday, beaten by qualifier Maria Vento-Kabchi of Venezuela 6-4, 6-3.

Third-seeded Jennifer Capriati nearly lost her composure when a set-deciding line call went against her, but she rallied to beat ninth-seeded Lisa Raymond 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4.

Kim Clijsters, the second seed, beat unseeded Marie-Gaianeh Mikaelian, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1, in another quarterfinal match. Clijsters advanced to the semifinals and will face Francesca Schiavone, who beat Amy Frazier 7-6 (5), 6-3.

"It will be a great match because I know how to play against her," Schiavone said. "She's a fantastic player and I've learned a lot from her."

In the late match, Capriati took charge by winning the final 15 points of the first set, but Raymond responded with a strong second set to force a tiebreaker. Capriati saved three set points before a line call gave the set to Raymond.

Capriati vehemently protested the call, earning a code violation. After a long bathroom break, she emerged with a new outfit and more choice words for the chair umpire. *AP*

Top 3 safely through

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—Andy Roddick, Paradorn Srichaphan and Sjeng Schalken—the top three seeds at the ATP hardcourt tournament—were joined by unseeded Nicolas Thomann of France in the lineup for Saturday's semifinals.

The sixth-ranked Roddick improved his perfect record against Xavier Malisse to 6-0 with a 6-4, 6-1 win.

The 11th ranked Srichaphan of Thailand followed Roddick and quickly ousted unseeded Scott Draper 6-4, 6-2. The 12th-ranked Schalken ousted Robby Ginepri 1-6, 6-1, 6-2. *AFP*

Penthouse pacifies Kournikova over false nude shots

LOS ANGELES, California—Russian tennis queen Anna Kournikova has reached a settlement with Penthouse after the American men's magazine admitted it falsely claimed it was publishing naked pictures of her, ESPN reported on Friday.

Penthouse had already apologized for the photos which ran in its June 2002 issue, prompting an angry Kournikova to launch the suit in a California court.

"The case has been settled to the satisfaction of the parties," said Kournikova in a statement.

Kournikova's suit claimed the photos, of a topless bather misidentified as her, defamed her name and was an invasion of her privacy.

The suit demanded damages of over $10 million but no details of the settlement were released by Kournikova, said ESPN.

Kournikova, known more for her blonde bombshell image rather than her ground strokes, collects about 13 million annually in endorsements.

Penthouse had previously settled with Judith Soltesz-Benetton who claimed the photos were of her. Terms of that settlement were also not disclosed. *AFP*

Dutch spikers edge Cubans

GIOIA DEL COLLE, Italy—The Netherlands edged Cuba Friday in the World Grand Prix women's volleyball tournament in southern Italy.

In Pool A, the Dutch team rallied after losing its first two sets to beat Cuba 23-25, 19-25, 25-23, 25-16, 15-13.

Also in Pool A, the United States beat Germany in four sets 25-21, 25-20, 17-25, 33-31. The United States improves its record to a perfect 4-0, securing a place in the finals. *AP*

USA'S Michael Phelps reacts after winning the 200-meter individual medley gold medal in world record time. REUTERS

Phelps powers way to history

US tanker defuses 'Thorpedo'

BARCELONA, Spain—Eighteen-year-old American Michael Phelps made history on Friday at the World Swimming Championship.

The Baltimore native broke two world records on Friday in two different individual events, the only man in history to ever manage the feat.

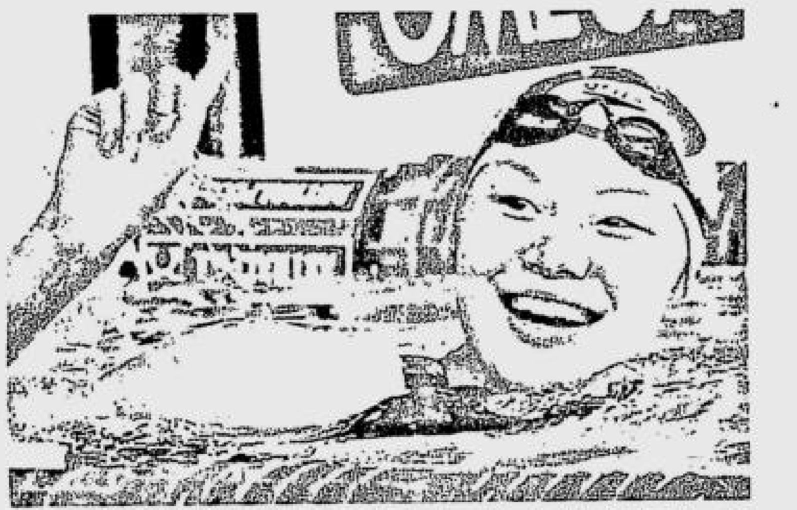
First, Phelps set a new world mark in the 100-meter butterfly of 51.47 seconds. His mark came only five minutes after Andrii Serdinov of Ukraine swam 51.76 in the first semifinal to set a world record.

Serdinov's time replaced Australian Michael Klim's record of 51.81 set on Dec. 12, 1999, in Canberra, Australia.

Forty-five minutes later, Phelps topped his own record in the 200 individual medley. He swam 1:56.04. Twenty-four hours earlier he swam 1:57.52 in the semifinal heat to set a world record. That time replaced the world record of 1:57.94 he set last month in Santa Clara, California.

"I'm excited for sure," Phelps said. "After the 100 fly world record I was very fired up. Coming into the second one I wanted to break it again. So I just went out there and laid it on the line in the first 100 and tried to hang on."

"That first world record fired me up big time, when he hit the wall I was pretty fired up and pumped for that race."



CHINA'S Zhou is all smiles after winning her 50m butterfly heat. AFP

The 100 fly record on Friday gave Phelps a world mark in his fourth different discipline. No other current male or female swimmer holds four individual records.

On Tuesday, he broke his own world record in the 200-m butterfly with a time of 1:53.93. His previous mark of 1:54.58 was set July 24, 2001, in Fukuoka, Japan.

He also holds the 400 individual medley world record (4:10.73). The 400 IM semifinals and finals are Sunday on the final day of the championships.

Phelps has a chance to match Mark Spitz's seven Olympic gold medals next year in the Olympic game as he looks for gold in four individual events and three relays.

Phelps' performance has been nothing short of spectacular. The only thing that may be more impressive is his future.

Just ask Ian Thorpe, who may have been replaced as the world's top swimmer by the American.

Thorpe finished second to Phelps in the IM, more than 3.5 seconds behind, which is an eternity at 200m.

"What's more impressive I think with his performance is his ability to be able to work on that talent," the Australian "Thorpedo" said. "Few people in the sport are really able to do that and he has done exceptionally well at this stage and looks to be able to continue doing.

"I have the utmost respect for him and I'm quite certain that he'll continue swimming well in the medley events, in the butterfly events and, if he wanted to, probably in the freestyle events also."

Two other swimmers also swam world record times Friday.

Serdinov started the frenzy by setting the new mark in the 100-m butterfly semifinals, only to have his record broken five minutes later by Phelps in the second semifinal heat.

In the next event on the program, fellow American Amanda Beard tied a world record when she won the gold medal in the 200 breaststroke. *AP*

Tour fanatic Williams provides comic relief

BORDEAUX, France—Hollywood funny man Robin Williams stood in as coach for Lance Armstrong's US Postal Service team at the Tour de France on Friday—but don't ask him what he told them.

"You don't talk about what you say in the team talk," Tour fanatic Williams said after filling in temporarily for sporting director Johan Bruyneel. "It's a bit like foreplay, it's always something wonderful."

Both a cycling aficionado and friend of Armstrong's, Williams offered comic relief for both riders and hordes of fans who congregated around the team bus for the start of Friday's stage in Bordeaux.

"Johan didn't do the meeting today, Robin did the meeting, it was pretty funny," four-time Tour champion Armstrong said. "He's a good man, a good supporter of the team."

Williams spoke for five to 10 minutes, before Bruyneel briefed Postal riders on Friday's flat, 203.5-kilometer (126.2-mile) trek to Saint-Maixent-l'Ecole, said team spokesperson Jogi Muller.

"We were laughing so hard. It was crazy," he said.

Dressed in a Jacques Cousteau T-shirt, Williams also played top cheerleader for the Postals, introducing riders as they emerged from their bus, to the delight of fans thronging outside.

"He was just being the same old Robin—funny," said Postal rider George Hincapie.

"I just finished a movie," Williams said. "'The Final Cut'—it's about a circumcision. No, it's actually a movie I was doing in Vancouver, so I flew from there to here." *AP*

Armstrong ready for Ullrich attack in crucial stage

SAINT-MAIXENT-L'ECOLE, France—Two champions. Two bikes. Two thousand miles of mountains, scorching plains, crashes, drama and hard racing. And it all comes down to this: 49 kilometers of road.

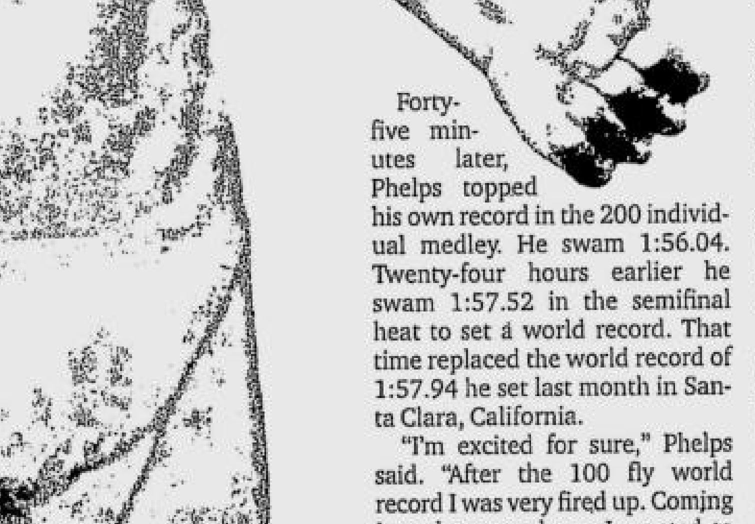
By the end of that speedy stretch of tarmac, cooled by a moist Atlantic breeze, Lance Armstrong should know whether he's won his closest-ever Tour de France, joining a legendary handful of five-time winners, or finally succumbed to longtime German archrival, Jan Ullrich.

In an illustrious Tour career, it is Armstrong's most crucial rendezvous ever.

Armstrong will be the last rider to don his teardrop-shaped aerodynamic helmet, mount his high-tech aerodynamic bike and set off, legs whirring, heart pounding, trying to beat the tick-tick-ticking of the clock Saturday.

But among the 147 riders—brave survivors from the 198 who set out three weeks ago from Paris—who race before him, just one is in Armstrong's sights: Ullrich.

Never has the 31-year-old Texan lost to the 29-year-old German—or anyone else to that matter—in the final time trial of cycling's most prestigious race since he stormed back from cancer to first win the Tour in 1999. He's determined that this year won't be the first.



OVERALL leader Armstrong sets pace for Ullrich. AFP

"I'm relaxed. I remain confident because I've raced very well in the last time trial over the last four years," Armstrong said.

He leads Ullrich by just 65 seconds, 31 seconds less than his rival took from him in their last time trial duel.

In perhaps his worst day, a dehydrated Armstrong lost 96 seconds to Ullrich in the last July 18 time trial. If Ullrich repeats that feat Saturday, he will almost definitely win the Tour.

Ullrich, the 1997 champion who has since finished runner-up twice to Armstrong, is fighting to the last. *AP*

Whaley bows out as Jacobsen seizes solo lead

CROMWELL, Connecticut—Peter Jacobsen overcame consecutive bogeys on the back nine to take a one-stroke lead after two rounds of the Greater Hartford Open as Suzy Whaley dropped out of the tournament at the halfway stage.

Jacobsen carded a three-under-par 67 on Friday to stand on 10-under 130 for the tournament.

Jay Haas, who had shared the first-round lead with Jacobsen, bogeyed the ninth—his last hole—to shoot a 68 and drop out of a tie for the top spot.

Whaley, a club pro who became the second woman after Sweden's Annika Sorenstam to play in a PGA Tour event this season, shot an eight-over 78 and finished on 13-over 153.

Whaley finished ahead of three men in the field and missed the cut by 13 strokes.

Although she said she enjoyed the experience, Whaley does not expect to spend much of her life in competitive golf.

"I think any time you face a challenge like I did this week, you can only grow from it," the mother of two said.

"I don't see my life ever going back to the way it was but I don't see my priorities changing.

WHALEY gets a PGA Tour banner as a souvenir. REUTERS

"My family is the most important thing in the world to me.

They come first, and I think it's very hard to try to play at a high level competitive golf when you have young children, and right now for me that's probably a decision that I won't do."

Darron Stiles shot a 63 to jump into a tie for third place with Paul Goydos and Willie Wood. *Reuters*

SPORTSWATCH

Six-Footers Cup opens today in Cebu

TALL, young and versatile players take the spotlight today when the 2nd Bert Lina Cup-Six Footers Junior Basketball League blasts off in Cebu City at the Cebu Coliseum. Air21 Chaiperson Bert Lina, who conceived the idea of this unique tournament for players 18 years old and below and standing six feet and above, will make the ceremonial toss, to be assisted by Air21 vice president Beng Pangan and Sen. John Osmeña. Defending champion Talk 'N Text hopes to stretch its winning ways here as it begins its goal for a second straight Lina Cup title in the 5:30 p.m. game with the juniors of Purefoods TJ Hotdogs. Kicking off the triple-game bill is the 2:30 p.m. set between John O and Samsung, to be followed by the 4 p.m. tiff between Youth for Roco and Timex.

Olympex 2004 set at PICC Hall

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OLYMPEX 2004, an international trade exposition on sports, fitness and leisure, will be held in the Philippines. With its theme "Forging ties through sports and fitness," the event will be staged at the new Exhibition Hall of the PICC in Manila. Local and foreign exhibitors are invited to participate in Olympex 2004, which promises to be the biggest trade exposition of its kind to be held here. Manufacturers, distributors and retailers of sporting goods equipment and apparel, fitness products and services, construction related products for sports facilities and fitness centers, schools, gyms and country clubs as well as organizations engaged in or catering to sports, fitness and leisure are expected to join the trade expo. Since the 23rd Southeast Asian Games will be hosted by the Philippines in 2005, many sports and fitness officials as well as enthusiasts here and around the region are expected to visit Manila during the exposition week. In fact, top regional sports execs will be here because the SEA Games Federation meeting has been set on March 4 and 5. Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit is optimistic that Olympex 2004 will promote commercial and business opportunities in sports, fitness and leisure. Interested parties may log on to www.olympex.ph or call Olympex Marketing Corp., tel. 672-2200, or e-mail expo@olympex.ph for details.

Rizal track undergoes repair for 3As

REPAIR on the decades-old Rizal track and field stadium have started as the country prepares to host the 2003 Manila Asian Athletics Association championships scheduled Sept. 19-23. Following a directive from PSC chairperson Eric Buhain that "no stone should be left unturned," engineers begun their spadework on the main grandstand Friday. According to the plan agreed upon by the organizing Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association and the PSC, new single monobloc chairs will be installed at the main grandstand where VIPs occupy vantage viewing points. The bleachers will also be given a facelift as the old dilapidated wooden benches give way to new monobloc chairs. The roofing will also be replaced by brand new galvanized iron including a new coat of paint. The rehabilitation shall be completed by the first week of September. Organizing PATAFA president Go Teng Kok, who has recovered from gunshot wounds in a failed assassination attempt last July 1, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation being extended by the PSC.

Feliciano makes hole-in-one in Hawaii

NATIONAL Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP) president Rod Feliciano scored a hole-in-one at the par-3 no. 11 of the Klipper Golf Club course in Honolulu, Hawaii last June 30. Feliciano used a 7-wood Orlimar club and a Titlist No. 2 in scoring the ace at the 175-yard hole while playing with Adolfo Sy, Lambert Go and Nelson Hipolito.

Fistorama features 10-rounder today

THE RECENT 10-round bout between superflyweights Benjie Concepcion and Ryan Campisino at the Malacañang Park will be today's feature in Samsung's Fistorama. The popular weekly boxing show is produced by Joe Cantada Sports. Samsung's Fistorama is aired weekly in the United States, Australia, Japan, the Middle East and soon in Europe through ABS-CBN's Pinoy Central TV. The show will be aired today at 3:30 p.m. on RPN 9. Its new regular schedule will be from 5 to 6 p.m. every Sunday starting August.

Boracay chess reset to Aug. 22-24

STRONG teams from all over the country are expected to participate in the 1st Boracay Team Chess Championship to be held Aug. 22-24 at the Boracay Terraces Resort Hotel, Boracay Island, Aklan. Originally slated Aug. 1-3, the event was moved to accommodate the request of business entities, private and public, schools, chess clubs and local government units for more time to form a team for the tourney. A total of P100,000 in cash prizes plus trophies and medals will be at stake in this three-day event. Expected to participate are teams from Marikina, Tigaon, Camarines Sur, Cotabato City, Pampanga, Calamba, Laguna, DPWH, SSS, Philippine Army, Philippine Air Force, Roxas City-Metrobank, Negros Occidental, Iloilo, Aklan and Bacolod City. The tournament is a project of 7107 Islands Travellers' Club in collaboration with the Active Chess Center of Asia Inc. (ACCA) and sanctioned by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines. For details, contact the ACCA at 892-8759 and 892-0279 or e-mail acca@info.com.ph; or call 7107 Island Travellers' Club at 723-0088, 725-2277 for travel packages and hotel accommodation.

NCRFA officials grateful to sponsor

THE NCRFA (National Capital Region Football Association), through its president Santi Elizalde and general secretary Phil Hagedorn, heaped praises on Samsung for sponsoring the recent 1st Samsung-United Football League and the ongoing NCRFA Ladies Open Football Cup at the De La Salle Zobel grass-tops. With the tournament, girls in soccer shorts, shirts and spikes are now a welcome sight in the pitches of Metro Manila. Truly, the electronics giant has kicked off the growth of the 'club' scene in Metro Manila. And the NCRFA could only hope that Samsung will continue what it has started.

CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE
Summit Point CEO Robbie Leviste, Trent Jones architect Michael Khaler and golf shaper Mike Poobalan test the playability of the recently completed nine holes of the Summit Point Golf & Country Club (above). Designed by Robert Trent Jones, the golf facility is part of the 200-hectare Summit Point Golf & Residential Estates in Lipa City, Batangas. It is a joint project of the Sta. Lucia Realty & Development Inc. and Summit Point Development Inc.

Cameras will roll in Kobe sex trial

EAGLE, Colorado—News cameras will be allowed inside the courtroom at Kobe Bryant's hearing on a sexual assault charge on Aug. 6, a judge ruled.

A live audio feed will also be permitted, Eagle County Court Judge Fred Gannett said Friday. He placed no restrictions on what the cameras could record.

Gannett's order allows one pool TV camera and one pool still photographer in the courtroom.

The Los Angeles Lakers star guard was charged with felony sexual assault after a 19-year-old woman told authorities he attacked her at an Edwards resort June 30. Bryant said the sex was consensual.

He is free on $25,000 bail.

Bryant may not be required to attend the hearing but is expected to, said Krista Flannigan, a spokeswoman for District Attorney Mark Hurlbert. She said officials will know in advance whether he will be there.

Bryant's attorney did not return an after-hours call seeking comment.

The hearing is to formally advise Bryant of the charge and the possible sentence he faces if convicted, and could include a discussion of whether to change his bail.

Chief Judge W. Terry Ruckriegle, who oversees the courthouse, has not ruled on a media request to station pool cameras in a hallway outside the courtroom and at the courthouse entrance.

Representatives from the county, the town and the district attorney's office met Friday morning with Ruckriegle to discuss that request and other arrangements for the flood of reporters and television crews covering the hearing.

About 25 television satellite trucks are expected to arrive the day before the hearing, about 10 more than were present when Hurlbert announced on July 18 he was filing charges.

Ruckriegle wants to limit the number of trucks in the court's small parking lot, said Christine Yuhas, administrator for the 5th Judicial District, which includes Eagle and three other mountain counties.

"It's just a normal community and we do have normal business that we have to keep going," Yuhas said.

Officials are also considering how to accommodate all the reporters and members of the public who want to be in the courtroom for Bryant's first appearance since his July 4 arrest.

The largest courtroom in the building at the edge of town accommodates 68 people. The courtrooms were designed to handle typical small town court cases, such as traffic offenses and domestic violence, Yuhas said.

Assistant County Administrator Becky Goddel said officials have no estimate of how many people will show up for the hearing but said allowing television coverage should help prevent large crowds. *AP*

Carter replaces Bryant

WASHINGTON—Embattled Los Angeles Lakers forward Kobe Bryant has pulled out of playing for the United States in next month's 2004 Olympic qualifying tournament, a spokesman for USA Basketball said.

He will be replaced on the team by Toronto's Vince Carter, the Toronto Star reported on Friday.

Carter has been beset by knee injuries, having missed nearly half of last season.

"He (Bryant) told us he can't play because of his injuries," said Craig Miller of USA Basketball on Friday. "His rehabilitation isn't far enough along for him to participate." Bryant recently had arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder on June 12 and his knee on July 1.

Miller said Bryant is welcome to rejoin the team as long as he is healthy.

Bryant was named, along with Tim Duncan, Mike Bibby and Jason Kidd, to the Olympic qualifying team for the August 20-31 tournament in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The top three teams from the tournament advance to the 2004 Summer Games in Athens.

Bryant's agent Rob Pelinka said the NBA star is still hoping to play for the US in Athens. *AFP*

SPORTS noodle

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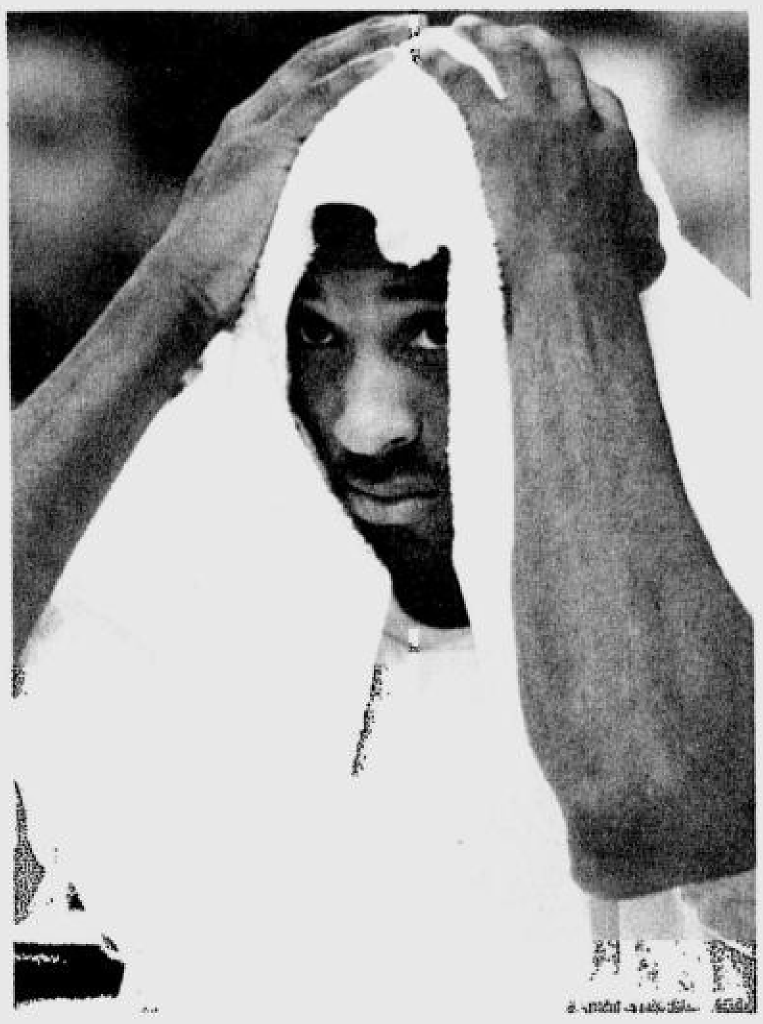


BRYANT: Uncertain future. REUTERS

Stoudamire pleads innocent to drug raps

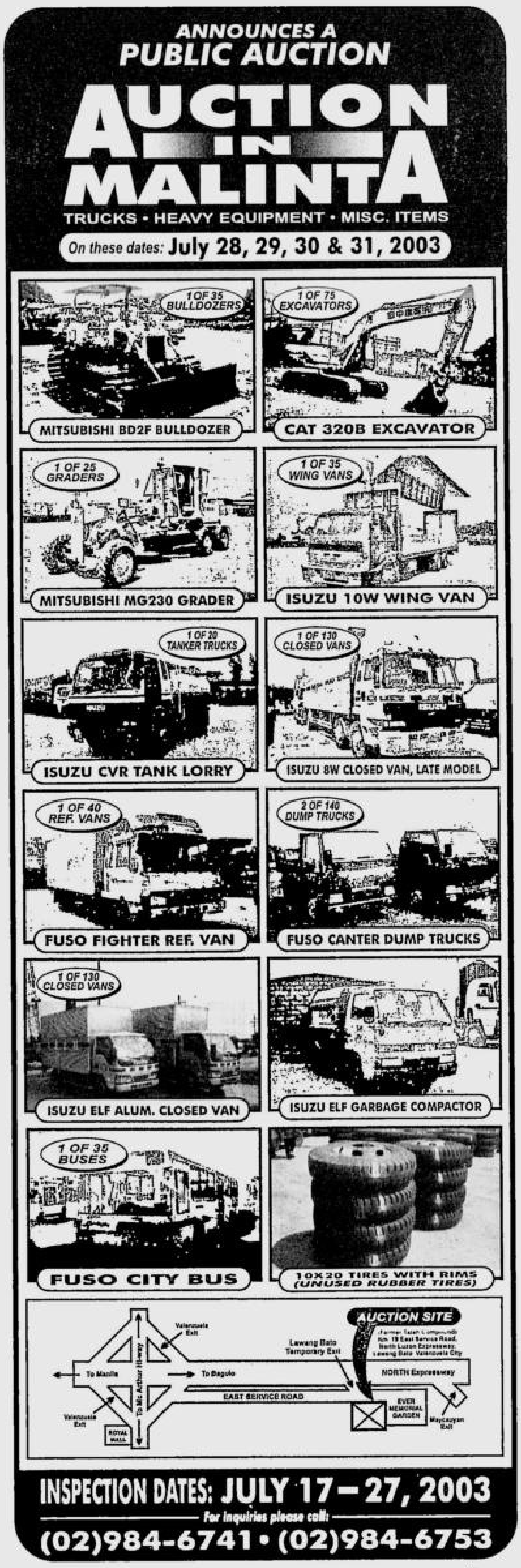
TUCSON, Arizona—Portland Trail Blazers' guard Damon Stoudamire pleaded innocent to drug charges Friday.

Stoudamire and his attorneys didn't appear in court for the arraignment. Instead they waived their court appearance and entered an innocent plea in the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court in Tucson.

A pretrial conference for Stoudamire was set for Aug. 28.

Stoudamire was arrested July 3 at Tucson International Airport after authorities were called to the security checkpoint. The former University of Arizona star allegedly had marijuana in his pocket.

He was cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. *AP*



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POC okays first batch of 377 athletes

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE Olympic Committee executive council yesterday unanimously approved all but two of the 379 athletes earlier screened and cleared by the Task Force composed of POC and Philippine Sports Commission officials to compete in the Southeast Asian Games this December in Vietnam.

POC president Celso Dayrit, who presided over the council meeting at Cafe J in Makati City, said the list will be presented to the general assembly composed of all the 36 heads or representatives of national sports associations for approval.

Task Force chief Steve Hontiveros, also the bowling president, said two judokas with insufficient credentials were taken out of the original roster.

Still to be approved are 105 athletes on the conditional list, who were given until the end of August to prove they are worthy to be in Vietnam.

The POC remained silent on the number of coaches and officials going with the delegation although Hontiveros had already declared that only those needed in Vietnam would be accredited.

At a projected cost of P70,000 for air fare, board and lodging, uniforms and allowances per SEAG delegate, the Philippine Sports Commission is bracing for a budget of P50 million.

Nothing was said about the case of athletics which the Task Force knew won't be submitting their candidates to the SEAG until the Asian championships slated in Manila this September.

The athletics association under Go Teng Kok, who survived a recent assassination attempt, accounted for 8 golds and 10 silvers in the last SEAG in Malaysia.

The POC refused to predict how many gold medals the country would likely get in December, saying the Task Force still have to interview each athlete.

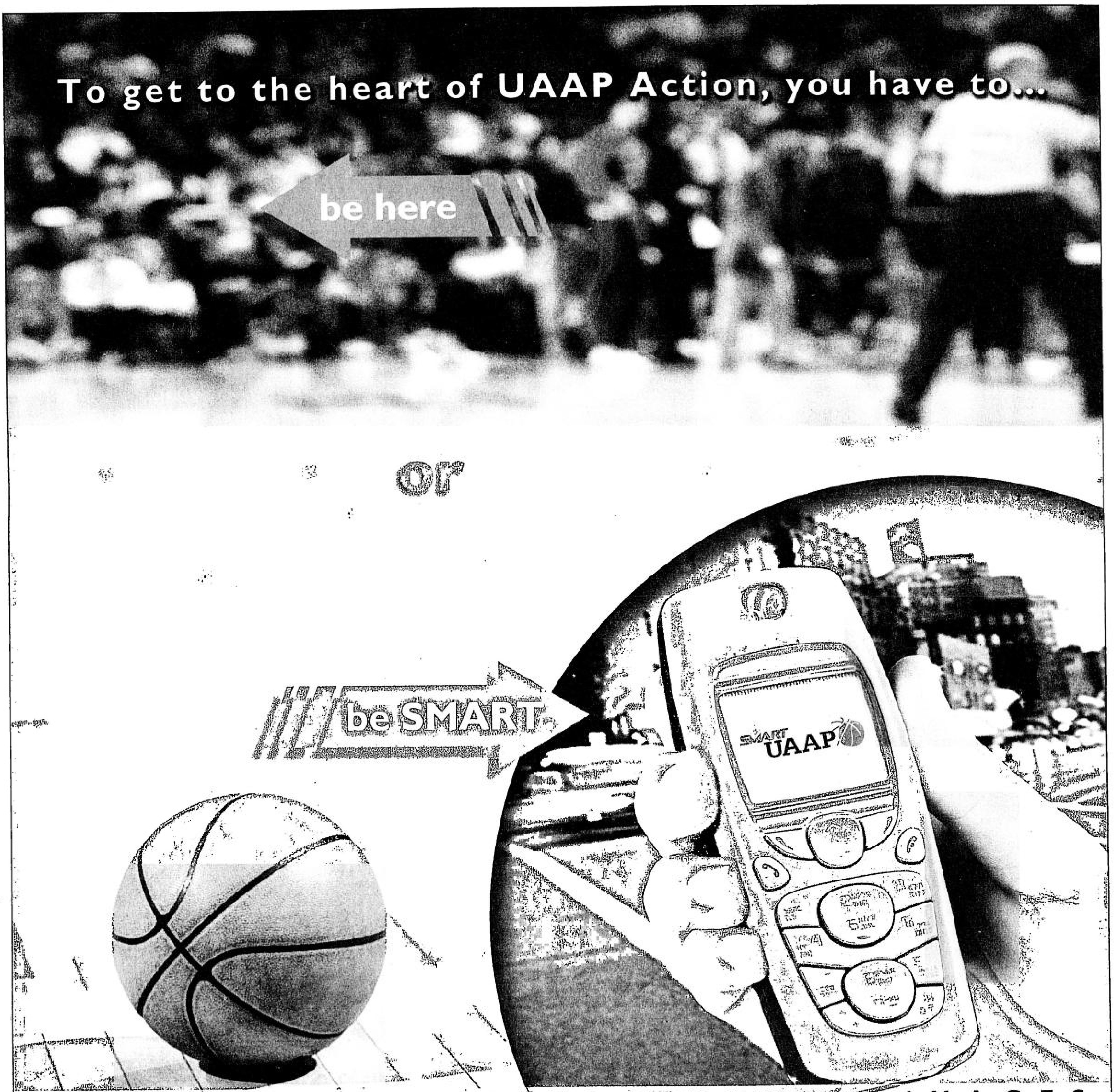
"I will tell them to tell me the truth if they feel they have a chance to win gold. They know themselves and their possible opponents," said Hontiveros.

The RP roster include the men's and women's volleyball teams, which failed to make the criteria set by the Task Force but were endorsed for approval because they are composed of young players.

The teams also face threats of suspension from their federation if they fail to compete in the SEAG, according to the Task Force.

Men's football remains in the conditional list mainly due to its promise to come up with seven Fil-foreign reinforcements.

However, the Task Force said the imported players should show up not later than the end of August.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'A cup of love' guides ex-shoeshine boy to top

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

REY L. BILLENA literally learned the secrets of how to rise from poverty and get ahead in life at his elders' feet.

Billena, 39-year-old general manager of the Philippine Beverage Partners Inc., gave the best shoeshine service in the bus terminal of his hometown of M'lang, North Cotabato for P1 per person in the '60s.

Philbev is a subsidiary of Coca Cola Bottler Phils Inc., whose brands include Wilkins, 8 o'clock, Fun Chum, Winnie the Pooh Junior Juices, and Viva Mineral Water.

The student of M'lang Central Pilot Elementary School earned between P5 and P10 every week and felt dignity in an honest day's work, no matter how small.

FIRST JOB

Billena tells SundayBiz that passion for hard work was one lesson that he and his four siblings learned from their father, Demetrio, from Maasin, Iloilo and mother, the late Maria, from Dangkalan, Negros Occidental, who migrated to Mindanao armed only with a two-year teaching course.

"I guess my parents made their dreams practically an inspiration. Our response merely reaffirmed this and motivated them to exert extra effort to support us. In order to bridge capability and dreams, the family resorted to a lot of moneymaking ventures, the capital of which were sweat and the willpower to survive," Billena says.

The family, for instance, pitched in to sell ice drop on consignment basis from a nearby ice plant, plus ice candy and ice cream they prepared at home.

"Every night, my mother stayed up late to prepare the ice candy that she would sell the following day in school. At dawn, we were all awake to start making the ice cream that my brother John and I would sell. Our brother Nelson would also join amateur singing contests for the cash prize and during harvest season, we helped in nearby farms and sold our share," Billena says.

Other children would have resented the time and the effort put in to making ends meet, but the Billena family embraced their common goal to improve their lot and education was of primary importance.

Billena discloses that his parents never considered their meager financial status as a stumbling block to sending all five children to school. He adds that they inspired them to succeed using a guide they called "A CUP OF LOVE"

- A lot of sacrifices. The cap of "capability and dream" is so huge so that working to bridge it would entail a lot of extraordinary efforts.
- **Cooperation.** Help one another. Let us send one to college first and when he graduates and finds a job, he should help send the others to college as well.
- **Understanding.** Be aware of the situation, motivate each other to cooperate and seek the same path to success.
- **Patience.** Success comes to those who do not just wait, but work consistently hard or smart to achieve them.
- **Obedience.** Respect for elders. Don't drag the family into trouble.
- **Frugality.** This is not just about not spending, but spending money the right way to help one another and to survive.
- **Love of God.** All will pour in God's time. Maintain faith on Him regardless of religion and whatever we do, we will do it for His greater glory.
- **Obligation** to the family. We should always remember our roots so that we will not get lost in seeking the path we choose.
- **Vitality.** Health is wealth. We should take good care of ourselves.
- **Education.** Getting an education is one thing, landing a job is another. We need to prepare for both.

"With these in mind, we regarded the stumbling blocks along the way as challenges and they did not deter us from reaching our goal," Billena says.

He says his real ambition was to become a doctor and this was borne out of his exposure to the conflict between Muslims and

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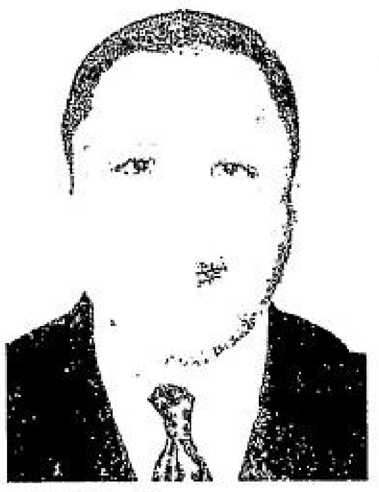
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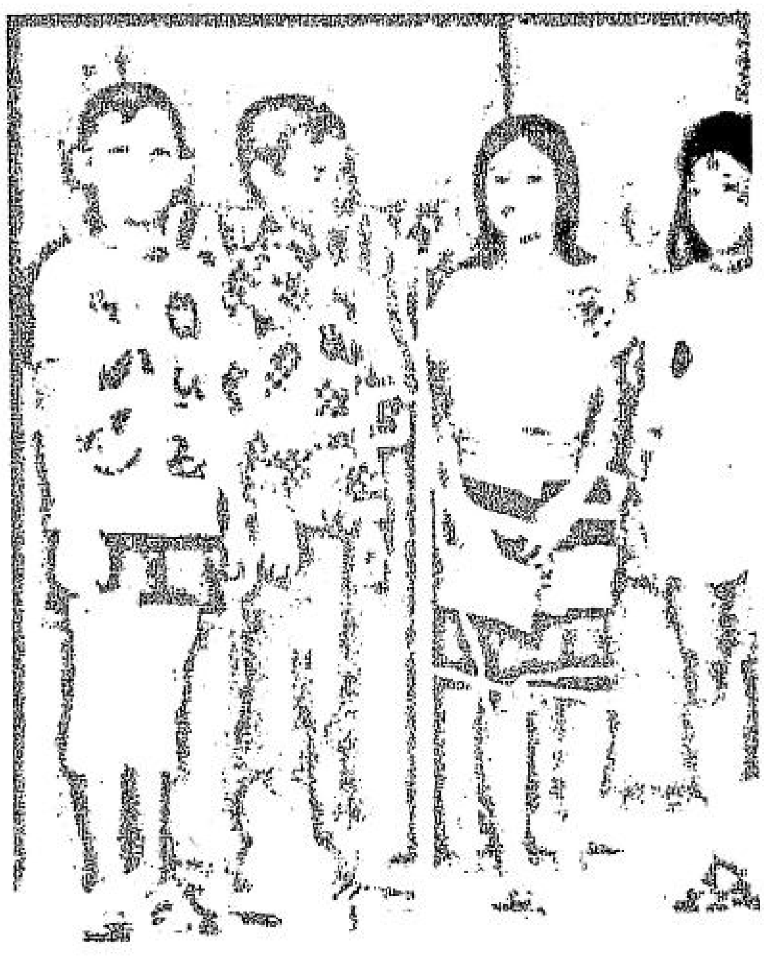
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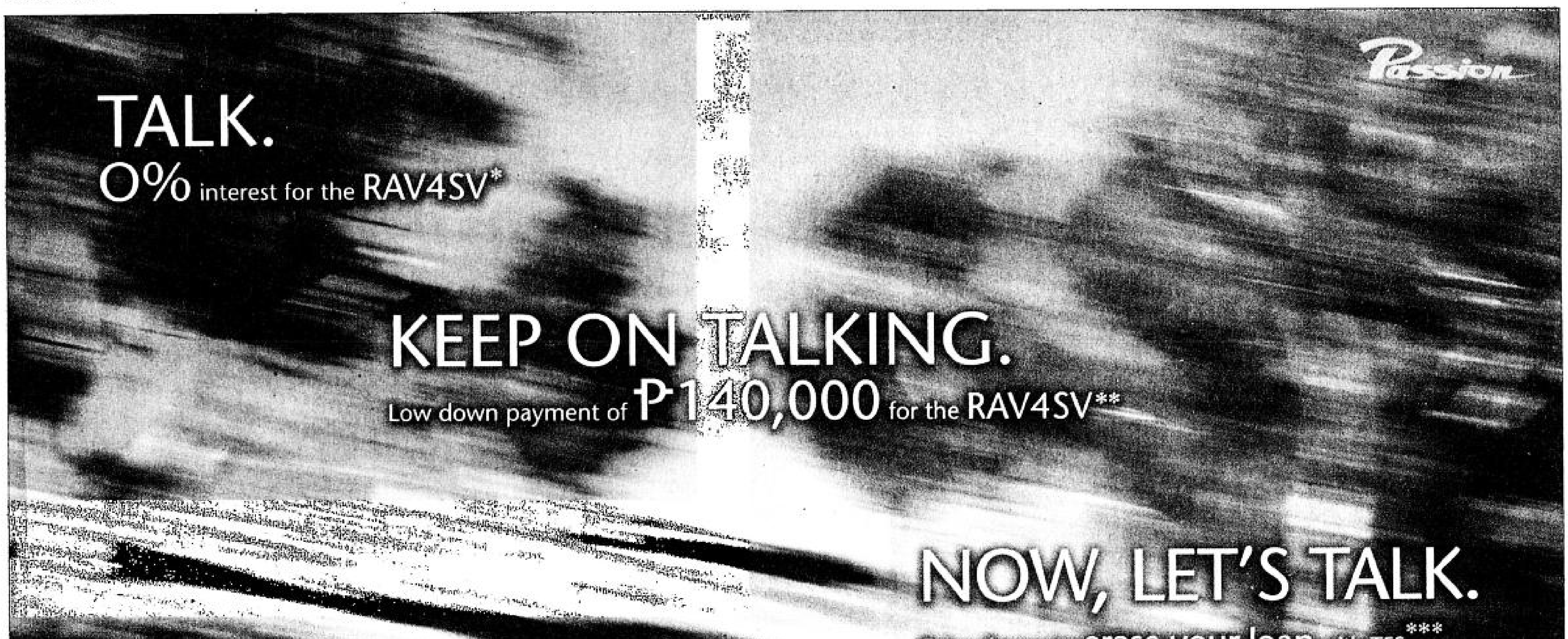

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Little book for corporates

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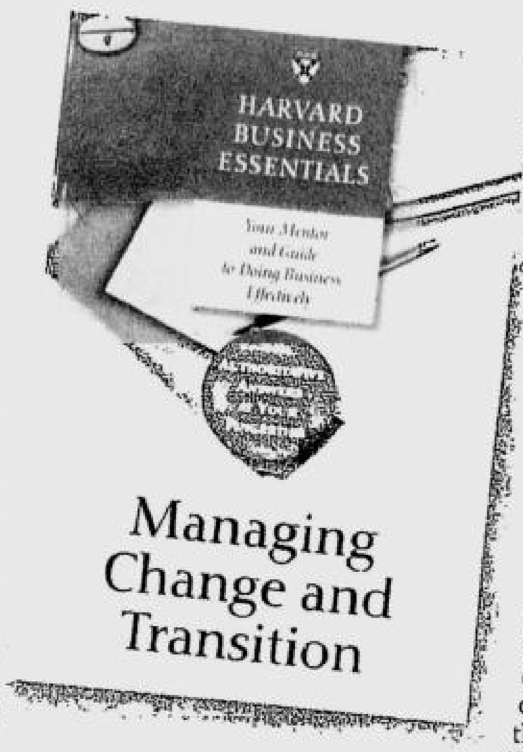
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TO SAY that the only permanent thing is change is stating the obvious. But when Heraclitus, the philosopher, declared that "everything is in flux," such a categorical statement was met with shock by the ancient period where change was not perceptible at all.

In the '60s, Bob Dylan intoned, "Times they are a-changin," and the youth of that age showed the shape and speed of transformation in convention-defying looks and custom-breaking behavior.

Today, "change and transition" are the operative words. "Change or die," became the 21st century battlecry. Now things change "at the speed of light."

Corporate monoliths, once the models of excellence, came tumbling down, including the theories that set them on a pedestal. Erstwhile giants in the corporate world had to recruit CEOs that would challenge old assumptions, turn structures upside down—if they should survive and thrive.

EXECUTIVE READ

Suddenly, championing or managing change is "in." A new CEO is not worth his fat paycheck and unmatched perks if he doesn't set into motion a "reengineering" of the company he just has taken over. A newly appointed dean of a college would be branded a member of a fossilized status quo if he does not shake up his little domain a bit, unimpressed by the truism that "if it ain't broke, why fix it?"

The question is: Is change always necessary? How does one know if an organization is ripe for a change over? Should the intervention be quick and unfeeling—so quick that there is not enough time to muster resistance, and so emotionless that it numbs critics? How does one deal with the "human side" of downsizing as a consequence of reinventing the organization?

The book, "Managing Change and Transition," answers these questions - and more. At first glance, this book looks like a simplistic version of the complex job of managing change - but when you read on, you note profound concepts that challenge time-worn assumptions and provoke thinking.

Right off, when the book introduces the tension between Theory E and Theory O, you sit up and find what in heaven's name are the authors talking about! We know Theory X and Theory Y - even Theory Z - but Theories E and O are unheard of!

Theory E is an economic approach, says the book. But it is actually a radical change, resulting in layoffs, quick cost-cutting, drastic reassignments— all in the name of "increasing share value."

The way the book describes it is - this is revolution from the top. The authors cited the shock treatment applied by Jack Welch of General Electric when he reduced headcount by 25 percent.

At the other side of the spectrum is Theory O, the "organizational capabilities approach." Under this program, the firm "invigorates cultures and capabilities through individual and organizational learning." The book cites Hewlett-Packard which, instead of downsizing, simplified operations and gave working units greater autonomy.

Are we made to choose between two extreme opposites? The good news is, according to the authors, you can get the "best of both worlds." You can "embrace the paradox between economic value and organizational capability." The book quickly adds that Welch accompanied his blinding speed with "culture change."

All throughout the book, getting the "golden mean" of the two theories seems the better approach.

But, first things first. The book also offers some diagnostic tests to find out if your company is ready for change. When things hardly move, when issues are peripheral, etc., your firm is candidate for extinction and is, thus, ripe for change.

The book also has a list of "mistakes to avoid"—principal of which are: "Don't place your bets on a company-wide solution driven from the top; don't put HR in charge(!); and don't attempt to change everything at once."

While reading the book, you are reminded of your readings on revolution, fashionable in the sixties —especially with this advice: "Start change at the periphery." Mao Tse Tung used the "policy of encirclement" from the countryside to wage his successful revolution.

This book provides key principles in managing a transition. You are left to your own devices on implementation, although a number of tables and checklists are samplers. You are assured, though, that you won't miss an important factor in change management—especially the human factor to accept change as a way of life.

I asked my economics professor once if Mao's revolution was at all necessary, considering the cost of lives and China's damaged culture.

He said: "Such an intervention was necessary to profoundly change exploitative structures." The problem is, the professor added, he had a blind spot against the human side of change. Mao stuck to Theory E.

With the advantage of hindsight and experience, political and corporate revolutionaries can still create upheavals, alter structures—but they can use Theory O to make sure a culture "embracing change" emerges within an ever evolving corporation.

In that sense, this Little Green Book is the 21st century answer to Mao's Little Red Book for corporate "change champions." *(dantemvelasco@yahoo.com)*

REY's mother, Maria, was also his Grade 1 school teacher at M'lang Central Elementary School

'A cup of love' guides ex-shoeshine boy to the top

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Christians in his province in the '70s and the lack of doctors in the area.

It was his uncle, he says, who suggested that he take up Commerce instead. He got his degree in Bachelor of Science in Commerce, major in Accounting at the Notre Dame University in Cotabato City in 1984. He also attended summer classes in the Southern Baptist College in M'lang and spent one semester at the Mindanao State University in Marawi City.

"I was an active student leader in college and it was there where my leadership skills were honed extensively. Although I was occasionally in the Deans' list, I did not graduate with honors, perhaps because I was too preoccupied with my numerous extracurricular activities. But these enriching experiences became the foundation of my leadership ability," he says.

And just as his parents planned it, his eldest brother, Wilfred, shouldered his expenses to review for the board for Certified Public Accountants in Iloilo where his brother worked.

Billena was one of the three from his school who passed the exam, much to the happiness of his parents.

He sent out a lot of applications to different establishments in Iloilo, and in Nov. 5, 1986, he started working for the Iloilo plant of Coca-Cola Bottlers Philippines Inc.

"My salary at that time was P1,000 a month and it was not really that big because I remember that it cost about P150 a month to be a bedspacer. I used my first paycheck to open up an account. I really saved it all," Billena says.

His first task was as settlement clerk in Iloilo, and because he was no stranger to hard work and burned with determination, he quickly went up the ranks. He was promoted to budget analyst after two years, to computer analyst after a year and to finance, head of offshore operation, after just six months, which took him from Iloilo to Cebu.

"I opted to be demoted to Iloilo after a year when I got married as salesman-in-charge of Duenas sales office. I handled this position for a year. Being the accountant that I was, I got into a misunderstanding with my supervisors in sales and I was demoted to personnel clerk," Billena says.

It's hard to put a good man down, though, thus Billena was again promoted after a year to personnel assistant and six months later, he was given the break to become the plant personnel officer of the Ilocos plant in San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, making him the organization's youngest department manager at 27.

Billena moved from strength to strength and from place to place—La Union to General Santos City. He considers his General Santos assignment as his longest and most colorful, spending four years in human resources and another three years in sales.

When San Miguel got back CCBPI, Billena was assigned to Davao as territory sales manager. After three months he was promoted to area sales manager of South Luzon, and after seven months he was given the task to head PBPI.

"I believe that being in operations for 17 years is what brought me to my present position. Of course I have good mentors especially now that we are with San Miguel Corp.

To have been assigned in finance, human resources and sales was a rare opportunity for anyone in the organization," he says.

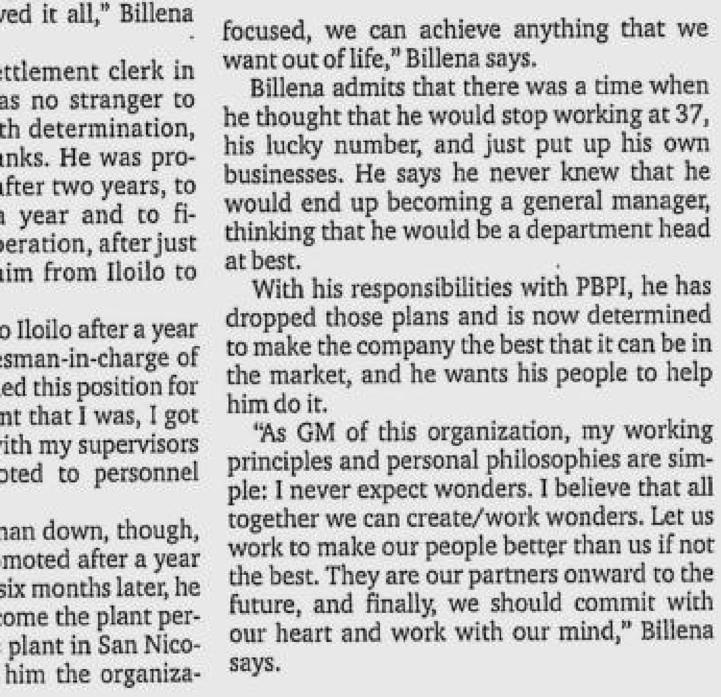
"My mentors taught me a lot from strategy formulation to execution. I have considerable experience in execution as I came from operation. I need to work ahead by putting up strategies that mean more to our stakeholders, and of course I always carried what my parents said that if one was determined and focused, we can achieve anything that we want out of life," Billena says.

PROUD parents Demetrio and Maria Billena

Billena admits that there was a time when he thought that he would stop working at 37, his lucky number, and just put up his own businesses. He says he never knew that he would end up becoming a general manager, thinking that he would be a department head at best.

With his responsibilities with PBPI, he has dropped those plans and is now determined to make the company the best that it can be in the market, and he wants his people to help him do it.

"As GM of this organization, my working principles and personal philosophies are simple: I never expect wonders. I believe that all together we can create/work wonders. Let us work to make our people better than us if not the best. They are our partners onward to the future, and finally, we should commit with our heart and work with our mind," Billena says.



Rey with wife Salve and first child, Sharla Raye, with parents in M'lang, Cotabato

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Local developers tap Spanish management firm

ROXACO Land Corp. and Landco Pacific Corp., developers of Peninsula de Punta Fuego and Terrazas de Punta Fuego, the beach residential communities in Nasugbu, Batangas, recently invested in Fil Barcelo Hotels & Properties Management Corp.

Fil Barcelo is the Philippine licensee of Barcelo Hotels and Resorts. Based in Palma Majorca, Spain, Barcelo Hotels and Resorts owns and manages hotels in Europe, USA, Africa, and Latin America with the Philippines as their maiden venture into Asia.

The share of Roxaco Land and Landco Pacific into Fil Barcelo signals a shift by the two partners to diversify further into the tourism and hospitality industries and eventually become significant players in this service sector.

Fil Barcelo has assumed management of Club Punta Fuego., With Fil Barcelo's entry, the partners Landco Pacific and Roxaco Land, assure themselves of getting appropriate technology and skills required to profitably operate hotel and resort properties along international standards.

"We had been looking for a partner who understands what Punta Fuego stands for and who has the capability to provide the level of service that our members and homeowners expect from us," said Pedro Roxas, chair of the Board, Club Punta Fuego, Inc.

"We have been impressed by the management capabilities of the Barcelo Group and we are confident that the Group will be able to penetrate the region with their brand of excellent service and quality standards," said Alfred Xerez-Burgos, president, Club Punta Fuego, Inc.

Fil Barcelo holds the Philippine and Asian trademarks to use the Barcelo quality standards in its hotel and resort operations including its advance reservation and property management systems, sales networks, promotions and manuals, policies and procedures.

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Customers are also given the privilege of nominating up to three recipients, like family members or friends, to this service. Upon enrollment, they should specify the name, Smart cell phone numbers and the loading frequency options of their intended recipients.

"This new and exclusive service from Smart and MasterCard International will surely be a great advantage to our millions of subscribers nationwide. We're confident that our new Smart Electronic Load via MasterCard will be appreciated because of the unparalleled convenience it provides," said Danilo C. Ibarra, group head for e-Services of Smart Communications.

Jose Rene L. Villa-Real, vice president and country manager, Philippines, MasterCard International, said, "We always look for ways to add greater value for MasterCard cardholders. With this new service, we can now tap into the growing market of prepaid card subscribers and help them to appreciate even more the convenience and security of using MasterCard credit card."

To apply for this service, customers can go to any Smart Wireless Center to complete an enrollment form and submit their MasterCard credit card plus any other valid ID, such as SSS, TIN or Company ID. Any MasterCard credit card from the following banks can be used: Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI). Banco de Oro, Citibank, Equitable-PCI Bank. HSBC, Metrobank, Philam Bank, RCBC, Security Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, and PBCom Bank.

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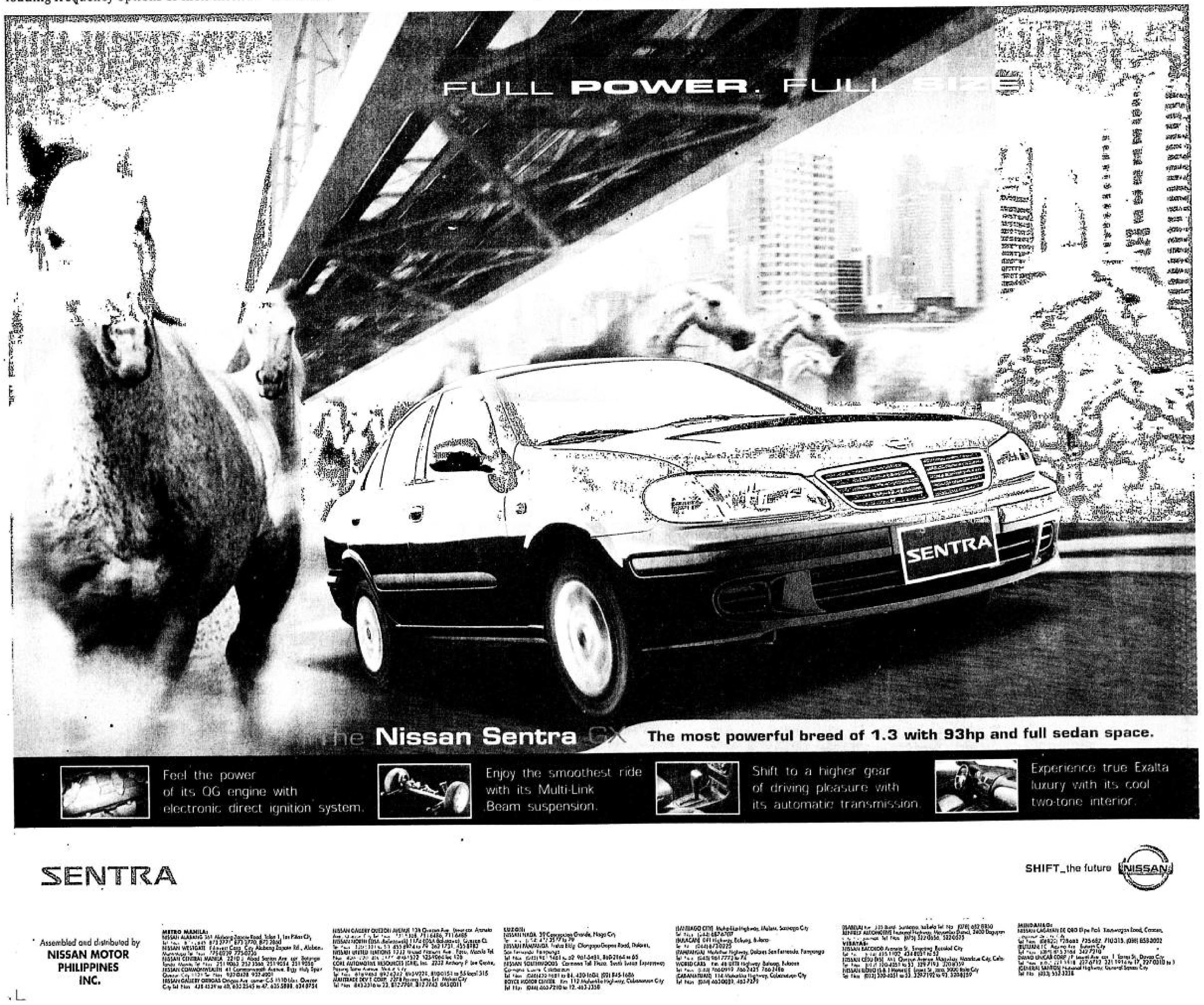
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20 Agri Lot/L596-A-8-K-3-D Nat'l. Hi-way Int. Bud-bud / *LA-20,393*	2,597,000
21 Agri Lot/L596-A-8-K-3-C Nat'l. Hi-way Int. Bud-bud / *LA-22,585*	2,877,000
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35 Lot/Lot 1521-B-9-B Int Calceta St.Cogon / *LA-400*	100,000
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JP Laurel Avenue, Davao	
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39 Lot/ L519-A-2-A-5-D/ *LA-600*	5,032,000
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41 Ind'l. Lot w/ Whse & Ofc Bldg Lot 1718-B Casili Cubacub Rd Casili (Tawason), Mandaue / *LA 4,000*	7,223,000
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44 Lot 4 Cabahug St. / *LA-1,100*	11,000,000
45 Lot 5 Cabahug St. / *LA-1,100*	11,000,000
46 Lot 6 Cabahug St. / *LA-1,100*	11,000,000
47 Lot 1 Kaoshiung corner F. Urot Sts. / *LA-1,415*	14,150,000
48 Lot 2 Cabahug corner F. Urot Sts. / *LA-1,415*	14,150,000
49 Lot 7 Cabahug corner Osmena Sts. /*LA-1,416*	14,160,000
50. Lot w/ Bldg&Ofc L75-F AS Fortuna St.Banilad/*LA2,960 TFA1,468*	32,041,000
51 Comm'l Lot w/ Bldg.& Ofc. 4759, 4761, 4768 & 8279-A Cebu South Rd. Basak, Pardo *LA-6,210 (on-lease)*	32,000,000
52 Lots 7624-C-1-B & 7624-C-3 Colon St, Pahina Central *LA-660.70/TFA-2,797 (on-lease)*	53,203,500
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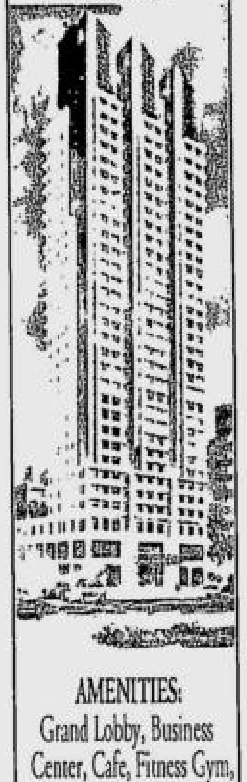

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11 July 2003

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By Authority of the Secretary of Health:
(Sgd.) **ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI--July 27 & Aug. 3, 2003)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The National Food Authority (NFA) is inviting all Palay Farmers' Organizations (FOs), Farmers' Cooperatives (FCs), Farmers' Association (FAs) and Federation of Palay Farmers' Group (FPFGs) to participate in the distribution of imported rice under the ***"FARMERS as DISTRIBUTORS"*** (FAD) Program of the National Food Authority.

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INVITATION TO LOCAL CONSULTANT TO SUBMIT LETTER OF INTEREST ON FARM PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Interested parties as Lcal Consultant are invited to submit letter of interest for the Farm Plan Development Program of CASCADE covering the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya, Nueva Ecija and Benguet.

The Local Consultant is expected to undertake the Development of Farm Plan Concept, Strategy, Training Manual and M & E Systems and Procedures. In addition to this, he/she will conduct Training of Trainors (ToT) and supervise training of farmers.

Letter of Interest with up-dated CV should be submitted not later than 31 July 2003. The Consultant should possess expertise and relevant experience on: Training Curriculum Development, Agricultural Development Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. Experience working with LGUs and lending institutions especially in upland environment will be an advantage. Full Terms of Reference (TOR) and letters on invitation to submit proposals will be issued to short listed candidates on or before 9 August 2003. The Successful contractor will be required to provide twelve (12) months of consultancy services to undertake aforementioned activities. Interested parties should submit their letter of intent addressed to:

Project Co-Directors: ERP-CASCADE
Maharlika Highway, Bonfal West, Bayombong, 3700 Nueva Vizcaya
E-mail: cascade_erp@yahoo.co.uk (Fax: 078-8053611)

Note: Those who had previously submitted need not to submit their Letter of Intent.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE
Quezon City

July 25, 2003

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following:

Project I : **Lease of Thirty Two (32) Units Branded Notebooks**
Location of the Project : **BIR National Office**
Revenue Data Centers
Approved Budget : **P 816,000.00**
Contract Duration : **October 1 to December 31, 2003**
Project II : **Lease of Six (6) Units Laser Printers and Seventeen (17) Units Dot Matrix Printers**
Location of the Project : **BIR National Office**
RR 3 - Tuguegarao Cagayan
RR 6 - Manila
RR 7 - Quezon City
Approved Budget : **P 276,000.00**
Contract Duration : **October 1 to December 31, 2003**

All interested parties may get the bidding documents from the BAC Secretariat, c/o Procurement Division at Room 605, 6th Floor, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City starting **July 28, 2003** upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)** for each project.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **August 11, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the 3rd Floor, Executive Conference Room, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City.**

Deadline for the submission and opening of eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals shall be on **August 26, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the 3rd Floor, Executive Conference Room, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City**, and followed by the opening of the bids.

The criteria to be used by the BIR in the following: (a) eligibility check of prospective bidders; (b) examination and evaluation of bids; and (c) post-qualification, shall be on a non-discretionary "pass/fail" basis.

The BIR assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any excuse or loss that they may incur in the preparation of their bid. The BIR also reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any of the required formality therein and accept the bids most advantageous to the government.

For particulars, please inquire from the BAC Secretariat, thru the Chief, Procurement Division at Room 605, 6th Floor, BIR-NOB, Diliman, Quezon City or call telephone nos. 926-5547/926-5538 and 928-2026 (fax), or e-mail us at nelly.lbo@bir.gov.ph until **August 25, 2003.**

(Sgd.) **MILAGROS V. REGALADO**
Assistant Commissioner-Legal Service
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - July 27, 2003)

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☐ So we urge you to go back to your tyre outlet to register for the New Road Hazard Warranty. For inquiries and concerns, please call the Goodyear Customer Service Hotline at 850-9999 loc. 101 to 105.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Tourism
T.M. Kalaw, Manila
Tel. Nos.: 525-3744 / 524-6541

Invitation to Bid for the Provision of Lights & Sounds, and Music Instrumentation Systems

The Department of Tourism, through its Pre-Bids and Awards Committee (PBAC) invites qualified suppliers to participate in the bidding for the provision of:

(1) Lights & Sounds Systems and
(2) Musical Instrumentation Systems,

which are needed for the purpose of holding regular cultural and entertainment production numbers in support of the ***Visit the Philippines Year 2003*** campaign from ***1 September 2003*** until ***31 December 2003*** in various venues within Intramuros, namely:

- Clamshells I & II
- Baluarte Plano Luneta de Sta. Isabel
- Cuartel de Sta. Lucia
- Sta. Lucia Gardens
- Plaza San Ignacio, and
- Fort Santiago

The Terms of Reference may be obtained from the PBAC Secretariat in Room 309, DOT Bldg., TM Kalaw St., Manila from July 31 - August 7, 2003 upon submission of the following requirements: (1) Letter of Intent, photocopies of (2) valid Mayor's Permit, (3) DTI Certification Registration, (4) latest audited Financial Statements, (5) latest Income Tax Return and (6) payment of non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00). Original copies should be shown for authentication purposes.

A pre-bid conference shall be held on August 8, 2003 at 2:00 P.M., DOT Auditorium, 4th Floor DOT Bldg. The sealed bids shall be accepted on or before August 14, 2003, 2:00 P.M. Rm. 309, DOT Bldg. All the submitted bids shall be opened subsequently on the same date, 2:30 PM, at the DOT Auditorium, 4th Floor, DOT Bldg.

The DOT reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to nullify the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal as evaluated by the BAC is the most advantageous to the government. The BAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or lose that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, or does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) Asst. Secretary Ma. Theresa I. Martinez
Chairman, PBAC

(PDI July 27, 28 & 29, 2003)

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Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission

2nd Flr. MWSS Engineering Bldg., Kalipunan Rd., Balara, Q.C.
Telefax Nos. 926-5233; 926-5234

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND BID

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payment under the contracts for which this Invitation for Pre-qualification and Bid is issued.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission as the Executing Agency and the Municipality of Trece Martires as the Implementing Agency are inviting CONTRACTORS to apply for Pre-qualification and Bid for the following packages:

Contract Package	Contract No.	Area	Location	Contract Duration	Project Description
1. Market	EPA-RAP-CF04	321.60 sq.m.	Barangay Osorio, Trece Martires, Cavite	60 Calendar Days	Construction of a one (1) Storey Community Market
2. Elementary and High School Buildings (*For local contractors* - AA Category with Large A in General Buildings *For foreign contractors* - Building Contractors with corresponding equivalent of above license/category)	EPA-RAP-CF05	1,032.04 sq.m.	Barangay Osorio, Trece Martires, Cavite	210 Calendar Days	Construction of Four (4) Units Two-Storey (8-Classroom) School Building
3. Health Center	EPA-RAP-CF06	108.25 sq.m.	Barangay Osorio, Trece Martires, Cavite	60 Calendar Days	Construction of a one (1) Storey Health Center
4. Multi-Purpose Hall	EPA-RAP-CF07	300 sq.m.	Kasiglahan Village-III, Barangay Osorio, Trece Martires, Cavite	60 Calendar Days	Construction of a one (1) Storey Multi-Purpose Hall

Interested contractors will be required to submit their accomplished pre-qualification documents and bid proposals at the same time in two (2) separate sealed envelopes. The envelope containing the bid will be kept in a sealed box, which will not be opened until after the completion of the pre-qualification evaluation, and the list of pre-qualified contractors has been finalized. Only the bids of pre-qualified contractors will be opened on the date of bid opening. The bids of disqualified contractors will be returned unopened.

Interested contractors may obtain further information and secure the pre-qualification and bid documents at the following address:

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC)
2nd Floor, Engineering Building, MWSS Compound, Kalipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City
Telephone Nos. (632) 926-5233 / 926-5234 / 926-6449

A complete set of pre-qualification and bid documents may be secured by interested contractors from the above address from 28 July 2003, upon submission of a letter of intent and payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) per contract package. Site Inspection and Pre-Bid Conference is on 4 August 2003, 10:00 a.m. at the following address:

City Engineering Office
Municipality of Trece Martires, Cavite
Telephone Nos. (046) 419-0352

The accomplished pre-qualification documents and the bid in two (2) separate sealed envelopes must be submitted to the City Engineering Office of Trece Martires, before 1200 hours on 4 September 2003. The date of bid opening will be announced later.

The contractors shall submit together with pre-qualification documents a notarized sworn statement stating their project workload as of date of bidding, including newly awarded but not yet started contracts with corresponding contract amount.

All particulars relative to Pre-qualification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the ADB Procurement Guidelines and other pertinent laws and regulations. The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive minor informalities, or accept such bids which will be the most advantageous to the government. The decision of BAC is final and binding.

(Sgd.) MELENCIO L. DE SAGUN, JR.
BAC Chairperson

(PDI - July 20 & 27, 2003)

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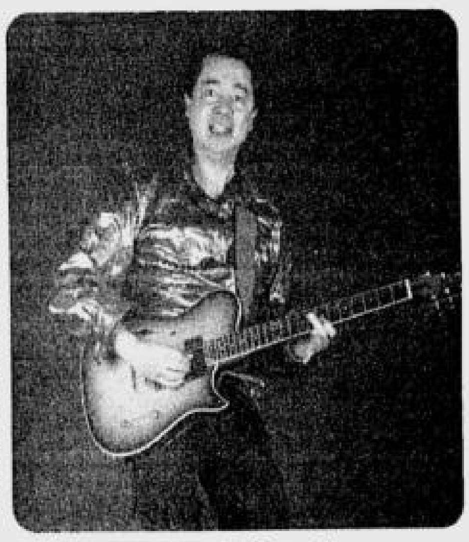

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Psalm 16:11

In Loving Memory of

Eduardo Yalong Gomez

who passed away in San Francisco, California, USA
on July 19, 2003 at the age of 80.

He is survived by his beloved wife **Remedios Santos Gomez**; sister **Virginia Sibal**, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces and grandchildren.

His remains now lie in state at Capilla San Aemiliani of Arlington East The Garden Chapels, C. Raymundo Avenue cor. Mercedes Ave., Pasig City.

Interment will be on July 30, 2003, Wednesday, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, C. Raymundo Avenue, Pasig City, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Concepcion Parish, Pasig City.

Our Beloved

IMELDA QUINTO
Vda. de TOLENTINO

of Sta. Cruz, Laguna and Quezon City
(June 13, 1921 - July 25, 2003)

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord on July 25, 2003.

Her bereaved family, relatives and friends request the readers to pray for her eternal happiness in heaven.

Her remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City.

Our Dearly Beloved

1st Lt. Mariano Malayo Mortel, Sr.

USAFE GUERILLA, POSTMASTER (RET.)

Born at Romblon, Romblon on April 9, 1912 & serve as Postmaster for 30 years at San Agustin, Romblon

Peacefully joined his CREATOR on July 22, 2003 at the age of 91.

His beloved wife **Corazon Morales Mortel** & children, in-laws, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

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Mariano Jr. & Eva	**Jeffrey, Juneva**
Oswaldo & Luchie	**Precious, Marianne, Mariano III**
Marissa & Marizzle	

His remains lie in state at St. Ignatius Chapel, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio after the 12:00 Noon Mass.

EDWINA ROMERO CLARAVALL

of Dumaguete City and Pasig City

has gone home to Our Lord on June 20, 2003 at the age of 57.

Her loving husband **Rowen**; children **Candace**, **Rosana** and **Joseph**; son-in-law **Michael Robert** and grandchildren **Andrea** and **Michael, Jr.**;

Parents **Luis** and **Rosita Romero**; brother **Mike**; sisters **Mary Ann** and **Chinky**, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Mt. Carmel Church in New Manila, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, July 29, 2003 at 5 p.m. at the Loyola Memorial Park Crematorium in Marikina City.

Violeta Cachuela Lee

of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija and Los Angeles, CA, USA

Passed away in the Grace of Our Lord at Harbor City, Los Angeles, CA on July 18, 2003.

We, her loving family, bereaved husband **Vicente Lee a.k.a. Ang Choo**; children **Edwin & Nea**, **Catalina & Joey**, **Virgilio (Apoy) & Joanelyn**, **Cora & Anton**, **Corie & Jose**, **Carol**, **Chelo & Freddie**; grandchildren, brothers and sisters request the pious readers, relatives and friends to join us in prayer for her eternal happiness in heaven.

Interment was last Saturday, July 26, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.

A Mass will be held for her at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bongabon, Nueva Ecija this day, Sunday, July 27, 2003 at 6:00 a.m.

Eng'r. Benjamin Salvo Mamawal

Died in the Grace of our Lord on July 24, 2003 at the age of 53.

His wife **Juliet Cuevo Mamawal**; children **Vincent**, **Benjamin Martin**, and **Christine Abby**, Parents **Humberto Briones Mamawal Sr.** (†), and **Edita Salvo Mamawal**, Sisters **Linda Siner**, **Bernadette**, **Maria** and **Jun Mamawal**; Nephews and Nieces **Precious**, **Valen**, **Leobert**, **Jasper**, and **Chesco Mamawal**; beloved relatives **Narcisa**, **Marites Contreras** and others; and their beloved in-laws and friends as well.

His remains lie in state at Sampaguita Chapel, Ilagan Memorial Homes, P. Burgos St., Cabanatuan City.

Interment to follow at the Sagrada Familia Memorial Park, Cabanatuan City on August 2, 2003, Saturday after the mass at 9:00 a.m.

"And I will dwell in the House of the Lord... Forever."
Psalm 23

OBITUARIES

"Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come..." **Psalm 23:6**

Our Dearest Daddy

ATTY. PASTOR GUINTO BUSTOS

of Masantol, Pampanga

Peacefully joined the Risen Lord
on July 25, 2003 at the age of 82.

He was a loving husband to **PILAR LEDESMA PEREZ**; a dedicated father to **MIMI** & JOBERT, **BEBET** & CLARENCE, **TEL** & GARY, **HUBERT** & VICKY, **ASELA** & JON;

a caring lolo to JENICA, JUSTIN, JILIAN, JEREMY, KRISTEN, FRANCIS, MATTHEW, NICA, JACQUI & CAMILLE;

a dear brother to **DEDENG** (†) & HENRIETTE, **JESS** (†) & ALICE, **LETLE** & NITING, **CHARING** & ERNING (†), **DORY**, **ADA** & RAMON (†), **TONY** & JETT and **JONAS** & LINDA.

We request the pious readers, relatives and friends to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Thursday, July 31, 2003 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Heritage Park Chapel, Fort Bonifacio.

2Lt PEDRO BELMES TIBAY (Ret)

(Born: October 26, 1926, Magarao, Camarines Sur)
who lived for 30 years at Basa Air Base, Florida, Pampanga
and who retired at Daraga, Albay.

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord
on July 24, 2003 at the age of 77.

His loving wife **Ester**; son **Hermel** and daughters **Evelyn, Elita & Dulce Corazon** and grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Ligñon Hills, Memorial Chapel, at Bugtong, Legaspi City.

Interment will be on Monday, July 28, 2003 at the Bicol Memorial Park, Legaspi City after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Lolita "Baby" Baltazar Ventura

of Lingayen, Pangasinan and Novaliches, Quezon City

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on July 25, 2003 at the age of 66.

Her loving husband **Fermin**; children **Pinky & Joel**, **Cherry**, **Jofer & Elena**, **Anna & Richard**, **Jennifer**; grandchildren **Redd & Andrea**, **Alyssa Marie**, **Jude**; brothers **Peter**, **Polo & Danner**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on Thursday, July 31, 2003 at the La Funeraria Paz Crematorium after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

DEATH NOTICES

MONCHITO REGIO

of Suha, Torrijos, Marinduque
Died in the Grace of the Lord
on July 25, 2003

His body lies in state at Bago Bantay Chapel, Q.C. Interment will be announced later.

JOSE VILLAFLOR PANAGUITON, SR

Died peacefully in the Grace of our Lord
on July 25, 2003 at the age of 89.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.
Interment will be on Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at the Heaven's Gate Memorial Park, Antipolo City after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

CORAZON LIM UY

Died in the Grace of our Lord
on July 23, 2003 at the age of 90.

Her remains lie in state at Chapel 5 of the Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment to follow at the Chinese Cemetery on Monday, July 28, 2003 after the 9:00 a.m.
Mass at Funeraria Paz.

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Website: www.doh.gov.ph

July 14, 2003

RE-INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY, SHORTLISTING AND TO BID FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

IFB No. 2003-8-29(17)

The Department of Health (DOH) invites eligible firms duly registered with the DTI/SEC to participate in a public bidding for the selection of Internet Service Providers (ISP) for the DOH, San Lazaro Compound.

The requirements for eligibility and shortlisting the ISPs may be obtained from the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) Secretariat, Procurement Division 2/F Building 26 from July 14 to 25, 2003, or may be downloaded from the DOH website (www.doh.gov.ph). ISPs who wish to offer their services must submit an official Letter of Intent (LOI) together with the required eligibility/shortlisting requirements to the DOH through the COBAC Secretariat or electronically, not later than July 28, 2003.

ISPs, which previously submitted their LOI and other requirements last June 30, 2003 will have to resubmit the requirements and write anew to the COBAC of their intent to participate.

For shortlisted ISPs, a complete set of bid documents may be purchased from the COBAC Secretariat/ Procurement Division upon payment of non-refundable fee of P2,000.00 from August 11 to 22, 2003, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Pre-Bid Conference is on August 15, 2003 (Tuesday) at 9:00 a.m., Health Human Resource Development Bureau (HHRDB) Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Building 12-A, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila and the deadline for the Submission and Opening of Bids is on August 29, 2003 (Tuesday) at 9:00 a.m., at the HHRDB Conference Room.

The approved budget for Contract is P2,000,000.00 per year.

DOH reserves the right to waive any abnormality in the responses to the eligibility and shortlisting requirements and to this Invitation. DOH further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, annul the bidding process, declare a failure of bidding, or not to award the contract and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary of Health
Chairperson, COBAC

(PDI--July 20 & 27, 2003)

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South Luzon Regional Operation & Maintenance

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

AD NO. TRANSCO 2003-08B

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), Transco wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

SCHEDULE		ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
		DATE OF BIDDING: AUGUST 12, 2003; 02:00 PM	
A1	3 UNITS	CAPACITOR FILTER PROTECTION RELAY	3NCS-03-046
A2	2 SETS	PHASE & GROUND OVERCURRENT RELAY	PSMD-N-03-093
A3	1 SET	THREE PHASE TRANSFORMER TURNS RATIO TEST SET	3PSMD-S-03-031
A4	32 SETS	FAULT INDICATOR	3D30-03-018

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLT, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting **July 22, 2003.** No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLT Bidding Room, Transco-SL, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 02:00 o'clock P.M. on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and initial Technical Proposals of eligible bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. The procurement rules and regulations used in this transaction shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of "Executive Order 40."

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 1% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Draft, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, or 1.5% of the approved budget in the form of Bank Guarantee, or 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) R.D. RAMAS
CHAIRMAN-BAC
TRANSCO SOUTH

(PDI–July 27, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City
Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan Agreement No. ADB-ADF 1607 PHI (SF)

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institutions/agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the study entitled ***"Economic Consequences of Selecting Various Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) Interventions, Alone or in Combination".***
3. The study hopes to determine the effectiveness and cost of various IMCI intervention.
4. The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years.
5. Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **28 July 2003** from Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers: **931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125.** Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished Information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on **11 August 2003** at 5:00 p.m.

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - July 27, 2003)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY, PREQUALIFICATION AND TO BID

PNOC Exploration Corporation (PNOC EC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility/prequalification and to submit sealed bids for the contract mining of the proposed **LUMBOG 1 NORTH LIMB MINE** located in Barangay Lumbog, Municipality of Imelda, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay

The contractor's offer for the project shall be on a cost per ton basis of coal delivered FOB PNOC EC Malangas Pier subject to PNOC EC's coal specifications.

Only contractors who will comply with PNOC EC's eligibility and prequalification requirements shall be allowed to participate in the public bidding.

Prequalification and Tender Documents shall be available for issuance at the above address from the Operations Services Group (c/o Mr. Emmanuelito A. Ababol) from August 1-15, 2003, upon presentation of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS: One Thousand (PHP 1,000.00). Deadline for submission of eligibility and prequalification requirements shall be on August 25, 2003, 3:00 PM.

Sealed bids in two (2) sets shall be received by Contracts Administration not later than 3:00 P.M. of October 5, 2003 at PNOC EC Conference Room Bldg. 1 of the above address and then publicly opened at 3:15 P.M. of the same date.

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on **September 3, 2003, 2:00 P.M.** at the **PNOC EC Conference Room, Bldg. 1 of the above address.**

PNOC EC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, or to accept such bids or to award any part thereof to any bidder/s whose bid/s is/are considered most advantageous to PNOC EC.

This publication is also posted at DBM Website: www.procurementservices.net, PNOC-EC Website: www.pnoc-ec.com.ph and PSEM Website: www.psem.ph

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Pru Link gets favorable market response

PRU LIFE UK, the only British life insurance company in the Philippines, continues its high hopes for the success of its unit-linked product after drawing out a very favorable response from the local market.

Pru Life puts more trust on Pru Link Investor Account, the company's latest addition to its roster of viable products, after it has shown a steady positioning in the Philippine market by recording significant premium investments in less than a year after its formal launch.

Pru Link is a single premium variable whole life insurance product that combines two powerful features: the security offered by a basic life plan and the flexibility and control associated with an investment instrument.

Bobby Madrid, president and CEO of Pru Life UK believes that the Philippine market is ready, especially during these times when the public needs a superior product that will answer their evolving financial needs. "Being an affiliate of Prudential, a company that is known throughout the world for its financial expertise, we at Pru Life UK in the Philippines would like to share this acumen with our clients through our Pru Link product. Now our policyholders will have a better control over their investments, and at the same time enjoy life coverage as well," he said.

Unit-linked products originated in Europe, and became known as variable life insurance products in the US. Both refer to the same product template. A life insurance product becomes "variable" when the policy value at anytime is linked to the investment funds, which is valued according to its investment performance. Thus, the policy value directly reflects the fund value.

Another distinctive feature of unit-linked life insurance is the transparency of charges, where all investment elements, including charges, are made known to the policyholder at the outset. All deductions from the premium to cover various expenses by the company are clearly disclosed to the policyholder.

The premium is divided into insurance and investment portions, where the insurance coverage is usually a percentage of the total premium. The policy holder is given the freedom to "choose" the investment funds where his premium will go. The fund is priced regularly and is divided into "units", which represent the policyholder's share in the fund. The value of the fund is divided by the number of units is called its "unit price". An increase in the fund value increases the unit price, which likewise increases the policy value.

Traditional life policies usually produce steady or fixed returns, while unit-linked products have a potential for higher returns, based on the market value volatility. Unit-linked products are for those individuals who want control over the value, or growth of their life policies. Additions or withdrawals can be made, and the policyholder also has the option of varying his protection-investments mix.

Pru Life UK, which is the local arm of the British insurance giant Prudential plc., is the first company to locally market this type (product. Its counterparts in Singapore, Hongkong, Malaysia and Indonesia have experienced tremendous success in marketing unit-linked product since it came out in the early 90's.

To date, more than half of Pru Life's total agency force is accredited by the Insurance Commission to sell unit-linked products, and is looking forward to securing a license for all its agents before the year ends.

CLARK LOGISTICS CENTER GROUND BREAKING

Clark Airport Support Services Corp., a member company of the Transnational Diversified Group (TDG), recently broke ground for the construction of its logistics center at the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA). The ground breaking ceremony was attended by (from left) Bienvenido Manga, general manager of the DMIA; Mike Carillo, gateway manager of United Parcel Service in Clark; Leopoldo Aquino, customs collector in Clark; Victor Jose Luciano, executive vice president of Clark Development Corp.; lawyer Arthur Tugade, TDG co-chair and lead director; and J. Robert Delgado, TDG chair and CEO.

Sogo launches Wedding Gift Registry

GOOD news to all couples who plan to tie the knot this season. Sogo Home and Office Center, a leading one-stop shop for home and office appliances, has introduced its newest shopping convenience - the Wedding Gift Registry.

Showcasing a wide array of top-brand merchandise at the best prices, the Registry is primarily designed to help couples personally choose the gifts that they want on their wedding plus the benefit of enjoying hefty discounts, perks and freebies upon purchase of such items.

Moreover, attractive offers are also at stake for registered couples since its tie-up companies - The Spa, Flower Factory, EP Lacarel and Florsheim boutiques, Ebony Ivory Video and Photo Studio, Grand Events, Hairworks Salon and Discovery Spa - will generously provide privileges that would surely satisfy newly weds-to-be and make their wedding day a memorable one.

The registry is the latest addition to Sogo's customer services, which should appeal to the wedding market by providing the convenience to buy the best gifts such customers look for.

The Wedding Gift Registry is now open at Sogo Home and Office Center located at Robinsons Galleria, Glorietta 1, Festival Supermall and Ali Mall. For your appliance and furniture needs, also visit Sogo-Robinsons Place-Novaliches and Sogo-Tutuban Centermall branches or you may call 991-5772, 850-3539, 632-0672 or 867-2352.

BPI ASSET MANAGEMENT DELIVERS ANOTHER FIRST

Taking another step in providing value-added service, BPI Asset Management has re-engineered the local asset management industry's report delivery by making them available online - via BPI Asset Management Online. Initially available to select managed accounts, BPI Asset Management's select clients can now view their portfolio management accounts via the Internet - another first in the industry. BPI Asset Management Online allows clients to download their reports. They can view their respective accounts' daily net asset value, investments and cash transaction for the month. With BPI Asset Management Online, clients can now access their financial statements twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. No more waiting for the reports to be manually delivered. They can access their accounts anytime any day. In photo are (from left): EVP Emilio de Quiros Jr., VP Theresa Marcial-Javier, VP Mario Miranda and SVP Adelbert Legasto.

Carter presents new elite line collection

THE Carter Elite Series is the new underwear collection by the country's premier men's underwear brand. The elite line took over a year to plan with the meticulous study of the projects every aspect and detail by the people behind the brand. In its bid to become the top men's underwear brand among the prominent local and foreign brands, Carter is taking an extra step ahead by exceeding product standard at every level.

Quality products and competitive pricing has always been the brand's fundamental foundation. The varieties of the designs are mixes of classic and contemporary underwear pieces to suit distinguished tastes of men of all ages and lifestyles. All ten underwear styles are the combined products of precise construction and careful selection of materials. Most of the styles in the collection are made from the finest pure cotton fabrics, and some with a blend of the breakthrough elastic fiber, Lycra.

Clips

'It's About Thai'

DISCOVER a multitude of flavors at Garden Cafe's "It's About Thai" today. Edsa Shangri-La flies in chef Sukanya Pimnuansri and chef Khainapha Chariyanukunkit from Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok specially to prepare authentic traditional specialties." It's About Thai" is featured at Garden Cafe's lunch buffet from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. and dinner buffet from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Garden Cafe is located at the lobby level of Edsa Shangri-La, Manila. For inquiries and reservations, call 633-8888 extensions 12738 to 12739.

Kia sponsors Don Bosco Mandaluyong Exhibit

KIA Motors Phils. sponsors "Ga'ling Busko, Galing-Busko", the trade exhibit of Don Bosco Technical College (DBTC) Mandaluyong which will be held on July 28 to 30 at the Glorietta 3 in Makati City in celebration of their Golden Year Anniversary (1953 to 2003). To be shown are the latest Kia models.

TotalGaz 'Easy Cash' promo

TOTALFINAELF Philippines (TFE Philippines), marketer of TotalGaz liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) has launched a promo dubbed as "Easy Cash sa TotalGaz", that will help lucky housewives cope with cash shortages in their household budgeting chores. By simply buying any 11, 12 or 50 kilogram TotalGaz LPG cylinder, one is entitled to a raffle coupon that will enable the holder to win cash prizes. Holders will just fill the coupon with their name, address, telephone number, store name where the LPG tank was bought, and answer the question "Sino ang anghel ng inyong kusina?", enclose one genuine TotalGaz seal in an envelop and drop it at designated drop boxes located in TotalGaz dealers and authorized retail outlets. Cash prizes are at stake during the "Easy Cash sa TotalGaz" promo raffle draws scheduled on Aug. 15 and Oct. 10. Promo runs until Oct. 8.

Amaes appoints consultant

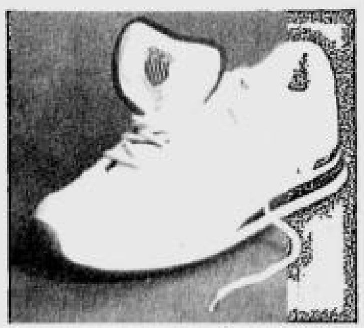
DR. ROGER Posadas, former UP Diliman chancellor, recently joined AMA Education System, as consultant for academic affairs. A renowned scientist-academic, Dr. Posadas has a distinguished track record as an educator and academic manager, having been president of a system of e-learning colleges, academic director of a nationwide network of computer schools, a very successful university chancellor, college dean and department chair and having made significant accomplishments in institutional innovations.

ORACLE PHILIPPINES HOLDS FORUM

Oracle (Philippines) Corp., local subsidiary of the world's largest enterprise software company, recently hosted a forum on corporate governance for C-level business managers and executives. The company invited Emmanuel David (center), founder, managing director and editor-in-chief of The Asian Banker, as guest speaker for the talk on 'Asian Banks: The Road to Bassel II.' Daniel's talk is part of Oracle's Corporate Governance Executive Forum Series which focuses on enabling organizations to adopt best practices, to attract capital and to utilize these effectively. With Daniel during the opening forum are (from left) Ramesh Baskaran, regional business manager, financial services industry solutions, Oracle Corp. South Asia e-business applications; and Greg Martin III, president and CEO, KMPG Laya Mananghaya Consulting Inc.

Product FILES

K-Swiss introduces Tongue Twister



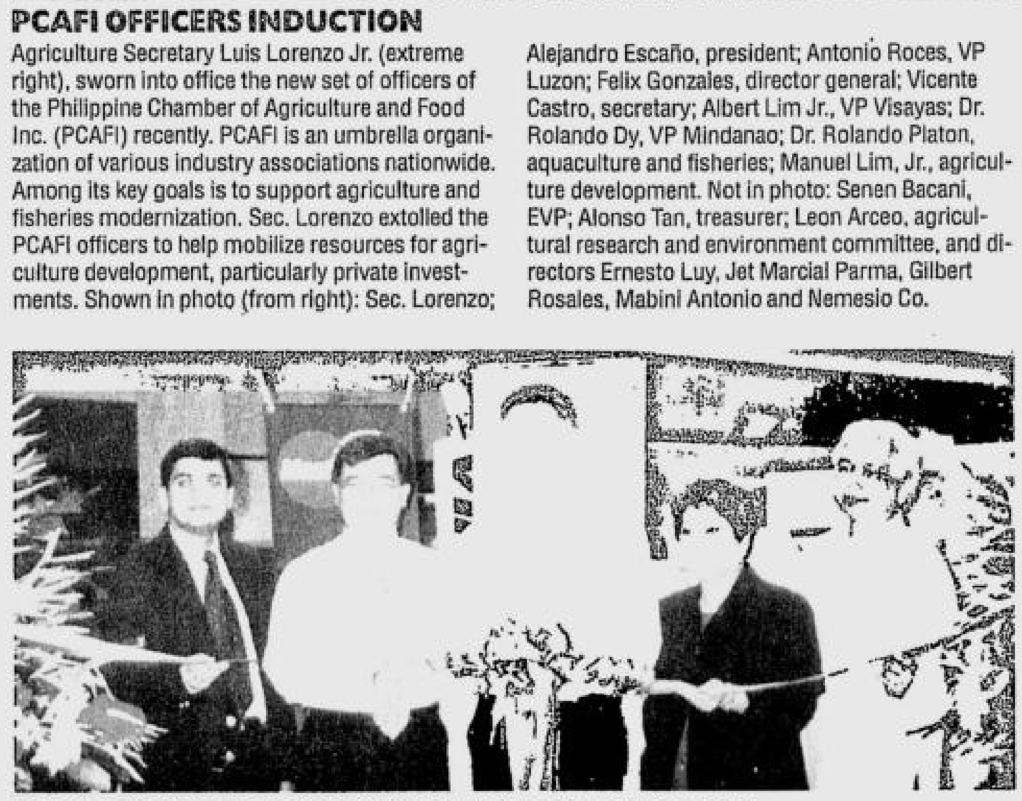
BOLD, revolutionary and innovative characterizes the new K-Swiss Tongue Twister collection. Imaginative and versatile, the Tongue Twister has this reversible tongue technology feature that adds a splash of color and a tone of style in your footwear as it reveals another color of the shoe by simply twisting its tongue. Called the "1 shoe, 2 ways in 3 seconds," the new Tongue Twister is a fun way to change the color of your shoes from white to navy, white to red and black, white to classic blue and white to navy and silver. This unique feature comes in various styles - Super V, Nido, ST345 and SP249. It is now available in Olympic Village, Toby's, Proline, Royal Sporting House, Planet Sports, The Athlete's Foot, SM Sports Central, Shoemart, Robinsons and Sta. Lucia department stores, as well as in Global Brands branches and services centers and other specialty stores nationwide.

GMA SWEARS IN ALAY-LAKAD OFFICERS

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo administers the oath of office to newly-elected officers and members of the Board of Trustees of the Alay-Lakad Foundation led by president Frank Evaristo (third from right) in ceremonies at Malacañang Ceremonial Hall. From left (front row), Alice So, Dr. Teruko Haga, Vice Mayor Willie Buenaventura, chair, National Coordinating Committee; lawyer Michael Allan Ranillo, national president of the Philippines Jaycees; Frank Evaristo, Gen. Lisandro Abadia, and B/Gen. Cris Maralit. (Second row) Col. Medardo Claridad, Paolo Benigno Aquino IV, chair, National Youth Commission; lawyer Jose Redoblado, secretary; Susan Argel and Milo Flores.

PCAFI OFFICERS INDUCTION

Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo Jr. (extreme right), sworn into office the new set of officers of the Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food Inc. (PCAFI) recently. PCAFI is an umbrella organization of various industry associations nationwide. Among its key goals is to support agriculture and fisheries modernization. Sec. Lorenzo extolled the PCAFI officers to help mobilize resources for agriculture development, particularly private investments. Shown in photo (from right): Sec. Lorenzo; Alejandro Escaño, president; Antonio Roces, VP Luzon; Felix Gonzales, director general; Vicente Castro, secretary; Albert Lim Jr., VP Visayas; Dr. Rolando Dy, VP Mindanao; Dr. Rolando Platon, aquaculture and fisheries; Manuel Lim, Jr., agriculture development. Not in photo: Senen Bacani, EVP; Alonso Tan, treasurer; Leon Arceo, agricultural research and environment committee, and directors Ernesto Luy, Jet Marcial Parma, Gilbert Rosales, Mabini Antonio and Nemesio Co.



MASTERCARD SUPPORTS SCB'S APPLIANCE EXHIBIT

In line with its policy of supporting its member banks in the Philippines. Poch Villa-Real, vice president and country manager of MasterCard International in the Philippines, represented the global payments company at a ceremony marking the opening of the first appliance exhibit by Standard Chartered Bank. The event, dubbed 'EZ Pay Installment Mania' was held at the Shangri-La Mall. Gracing the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the appliance exhibit were (from left): Ajay Kanwal, senior vice president and head of cards and personal loans of Standard Chartered Bank; Poch Villa-Real, vice president and country manager of MasterCard International in the Philippines; Simon Morris, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bank, Philippines; with Shangri-La Plaza's Mary Ann Dizon, vice president for finance; and Jolyon Tiglao, senior vice president for operations.

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Can her face launch ₱1B worth of sales?

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

FILIPINOS buy as many as 200 million pieces of skin whitening soap every year worth at least P2 billion. This is the pie a new firm wants to bite a big chunk of. And they plan to do it through a big-time endorser and a "revolutionized" product.

The face of controversial TV talk show host Kris Aquino splashes newspaper pages and TV screens today as she endorses Kissa, the latest whitening soap to join a long list of firms touting papaya extracts as its main ingredient to make the Filipina's skin fairer.

But the makers of Kissa claim their product has other ingredients that address whitening concerns.

This, they say, is possible using a and the latest technology from Japan.

Kris' ad line is that her skin became "more kissable" after using Kissa.

Will she succeed in taking away a big chunk of the market currently held by Likas?

The owners of Dyson Laboratories Corp., makers of Kissa, believe they can. This is why they invested million of pesos to maker her the face of their product.

Oliver and Marianne Dy, the brother and sister team of Dyson, say the survey they conducted showed Kris was at the top of the list of credible endorsers for a skin whitening product.

Oliver and Marianne's parents started the family busy by setting up So-Nice International Corp., which initially distributed imported food items like M&M's and Mars chocolates. Today it is the distributor of the Wet N' Wild cosmetics line and the Body Fantasies cologne.

Kissa marks the firm's first venture into manufacturing.

After being in the distribution business for over two decades, the Dys decided to go into manufacturing.

This meant investments in plant and equipment. Oliver said since most of the processes are automated, there was no need to hire more workers.

They set up Dyson two years ago and eventually came up with their own soap line.

Dyson's marketing consultant, Jenny Gonzales, says that after studying the market and seeing the huge market for skin whitening products, they focused on soaps.

Narrowing it further, they saw that one area that had a big demand, had several players, but only dominant firm, was the papaya soap sector.

Dyson decided to focus on this.

They said that while the local market was flooded with numerous papaya skin whitening soap, these were mostly "me-too" products of the leader, Likas, owned by Trinidad Cosmetics Laboratory Inc., which has been dominating the market for almost a decade now.

Big firms like Splash Manufacturing Corp., has entered into the papaya soap with its Hiyas. Another firm has come up with Herbana which packages it as green papaya.

Marianne Dy, a 26-year-old, who is in charge of marketing, says, "You can no longer distinguish the different brands from the clutter. There is a lot of room for product improvement."

After deciding on the product, Dyson researched on papaya extracts as a whitening ingredient. They consulted with a Japanese chemical firm, Ichimaru Pharcos Co. Ltd. of Japan, that supplies about 800 cosmetics firms, to develop the soap.

In Kissa's packaging, Dyson lists two whitening ingredients—papaya extracts which whitens; and *clair blanche*, a chemical from Ichimaru supposedly made of natural plant extracts that inhibits melanin (pigmentation of the skin that creates a dark color) production.

The others are BHA, a clarifying beta hydroxy acid aimed at lifting dead skin; and Vitamin E for nourishing.

Oliver Dy claims Kissa whitens the surface of the skin with its papaya extracts; and under the skin with the clair blanche.

Kissa has actually been in the market since December last year. However, dealers have told Dyson that although the buyers seem to like the product, there was no awareness of the brand.

It was then that Dyson decided to have an endorser for Kissa and Kris Aquino was the choice.

Dyson is aware that Likas is a very strong brand that is already exported in countries where there is a high population of Filipinos, such as the Middle East. They hope that with their "dual lightening system," they will be able to get a huge chunk of the papaya soap market.

One of the strategies for this is to sell their product at P38.50 compared with the P46 price tag of the market leader (although Likas has a smaller version). Other than the soap, there is also the Kissa whitening lotion.

The brother and sister team is also optimistic that Kris Aquino's endorsement will work for their product. And that she is worth the investment they made.

MARIANNE and Oliver Dy belong to the second generation now running the business. But the two admit that it's still their father who has the final say on things, while their mom holds the firm's purse strings.

SURVEYS show her to be credible in endorsing a skin whitening product. The owners hope she will capture a huge chunk of the papaya soap market with Kissa.

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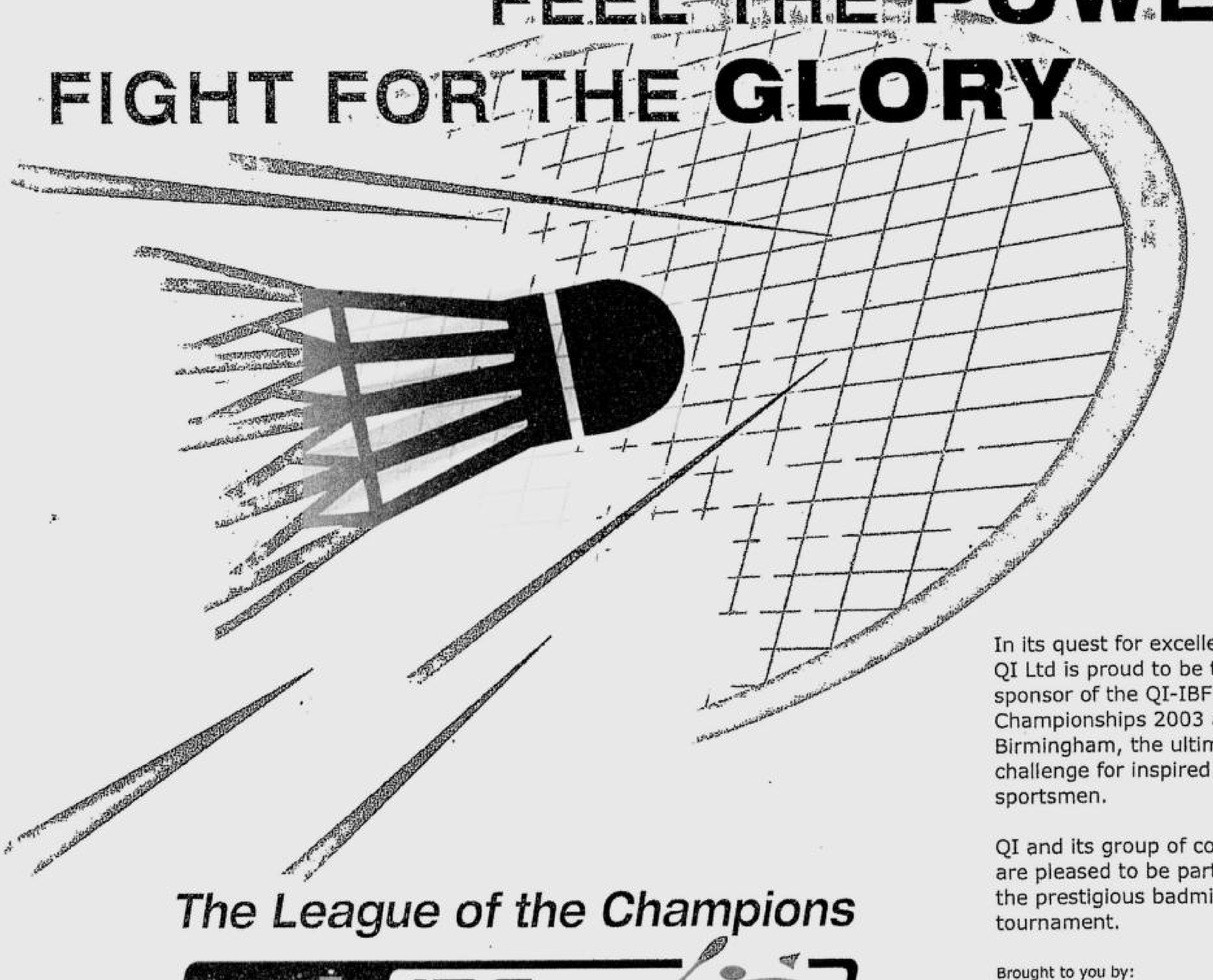

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2 Jay Manalo starrers off to Toronto

Lamangan's 'Birhen,' Matti's 'Prosti'

By Marinel R. Cruz

TWO critically acclaimed Filipino films featuring the award-winning performances of Jay Manalo will be shown at the Toronto International Film Festival in September, the films' directors, Joel Lamangan and Erik Matti, announced on Friday.

Lamangan's "Ang Huling Birhen sa Lupa" (The Last Virgin on Earth) and Matti's "Prosti" will be in the contemporary world cinema category of the week-long Toronto festival that starts Sept. 4.

The screening date of the two Filipino films will be announced on Aug. 19, according to the film fest's official website, www.e.bell.ca/filmfest.

"Mother Lily (Monteverde of Regal Films) and I got the invitation to screen 'Prosti' from Steve Gravestock last June," said Matti, adding that his movie has been. well received at the Far East Film Festival in Udinie, Italy last April 27.

Gravestock is the Toronto festival coordinator in Asia.

"We expect invitations from other film festivals in other parts of the world after the screening of our movies in Toronto," said Lamangan.

Lamangan's Jaggs Entertainment co-produced "Huling Birhen" with Neo Films.

"Right now, we are waiting for funds from the Ifcom (International Film festival Committee)

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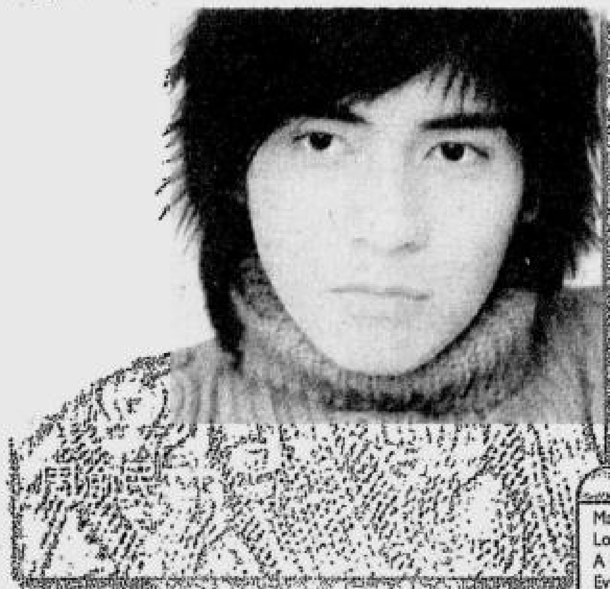

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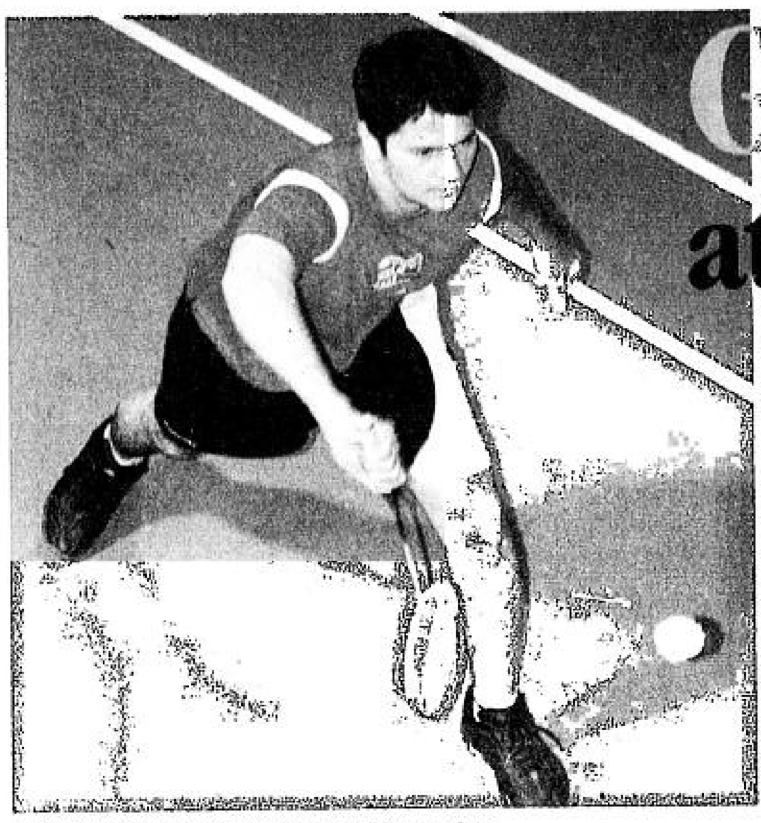

RACKET MAN Jestoni Alarcon takes a swing.

Good sports at badminton

By Jocelyn Valle
Contributor

GARBED in athletic wear, actors Ricky Davao, Dennis Padilla, Jestoni Alarcon and Patrick de la Rosa looked intense and ready to attack. But, no, nobody was going to give anybody a head butt.

They were playing a practice doubles game at the Atrium of SM Megamall, in preparation for the 1st Sports House Corporate and Celebrity Cup Invitational Badminton, which took place last July 20.

"Badminton is a non-contact sport," said Dennis, taking a break after a set. "So there's no reason to be violent."

The sport, in fact, espouses camaraderie, he adds.

At the Yellow Feather Badminton Center in Libis, where he usually plays with his wife Marjorie Barretto and two of their friends, he gets to join other groups and makes friends with them in the process.

Singer-actress Mariz is a self-confessed shy person, but she says, "Badminton is the only sport that I'm comfortable with. I enjoy it very much. It also helps me lose weight. Right now, I'm 13 pounds overweight. I do aerobics, but only at home."

SERIOUS STROKES. Dennis Padilla plays it straight.

Mariz started playing badminton only last year, but she already showed great dexterity in the sport during the practice at Megamall. It helps that she plays for two to three hours five times a week.

Her enthusiasm has rubbed off on her husband, action star Ronnie Ricketts. "He only started playing last week," Mariz said. "He prefers a singles game."

Dennis prefers to slug it out with a teammate thrice a week for one-and-a-half hours each session. He used to play tennis, but he turned to badminton after he was invited to join a celebrity badminton tournament almost two years ago. He's been hooked since then.

"Now, I'm more competitive," said Dennis with a grin. "When you've been playing it for a long time, you don't want to lose."

Aside from Mariz, Ricky, Jestoni, Patrick, Dennis and Marjorie, 10 other celebrities competed for medals and trophies. They were Ton-ton Gutierrez, Glydel Mercado, Diether Ocampo, Ramon Christopher, Bearwin Meilly, Ruby Rodriguez, Randy Santiago, Beth Tamayo and Jamie Rivera.

At the end of the championship, the Yellow team emerged victorious after winning five doubles games.

The team was composed of Ruby, Mariz, Bearwin, Jestoni, Dennis and the only member who was not from show biz—Gen. Edgardo Aglipay.

The Black team of Mandy Ochoa, Patrick, Glydel, Randy, Ricky, Jamie, Marjorie and Beth won three matches.

Tad Abelo of Team Power Play, which organized the tournament in line with Sports House's 20th year anniversary, said they sent out invitations to celebrities known to play the game. And they got an overwhelming response from the usually busy TV and movie stars.

"More celebrities wanted to join," said Abelo. "But we couldn't accommodate everybody."

HIT MAN Patrick de la Rosa scores.

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4. Kamikazee - *Lucky*
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1. Barbie's Cradle - *All I Need*
2. Imago - *Idlip*
3. Slapshock - *Numb*
4. Rivermaya - *Wag Na Init Ulo Baby*
5. Truefaith - *Deadma*

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2. Gary Valenciano - *Warrior is a Child*
3. Ogie Alcasid - *Sana*
4. Ding Dong Avanzado - *Here to Say*

Favorite Female
1. Regine Velasquez - *Sa Aking Pag-iisa*
2. Nina - *Jealous*
3. Carol Banawa - *Stay*
4. Sharon Cuneta - *In Your Eyes*
5. Pops Fernandez - *Kaya Pala*

Favorite Song
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2. Imago - *Idlip*
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4. Rivermaya - *Wag Na Init Ulo Baby*
5. Regine Velasquez - *Sa Aking Pag-iisa*

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dzMM, 17, holds 'Buntis Congress'

SHOW STOPPER

MORE THAN 1,700 pregnant women trooped to Robinson's Galleria at the Ortigas center in Pasig City to join the "1st Buntis Congress," last July 5. The pregnant women's congress was organized by the country's No. 1 radio station, dzMM, in partnership with the Midwives Foundation of the Philippines and the Department of Health-NCR.

The congress theme, "Wastong Nutrisyon, Nagsisimula sa Sinapupunan," aims to reinforce public education on safe motherhood. It also promotes strategies that have been proven effective in reducing maternal mortality.

Globally, at least 585,000 women die each year from the complication of pregnancy and childbirth, accord-

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Lampano's blues band launches 'Songs from the Alley'

SHOW TIME

THE BLUES band called Lampano Alley is launching its first album, "Songs from the Alley," in a series of live performances.

Lampano Alley will play at the Hobbit House on A. Mabini in Malate, Manila on Aug. 1 and 8, Bistro '70s in Quezon City on Aug. 2, Monk's Dream at Rockwell's Power Plant Mall on Aug. 7, Sanctum in Intramuros on Aug. 13, and Unplugged on M. Adriatico, also in Malate, on Aug. 15.

Lampano Alley is composed of vocalist Binky Lampano, guitarist Edwin Vergara, bassist Simon Tan, drummer Jojo Lim and "Tomcat" Colvin on the harmonica.

"Songs from the Alley" is available at Tower Records, Music One, Mag:Net Store, and at the venues during the blues band's performances.

For inquiries, call Ray at 833-6054.

LAST LOOK
Actress Celia Rodriguez (right) condoles with colleague Boots Anson-Roa on the last night of the wake of the latter's father, former movie heartthrob Oscar Moreno (below), 82, who died last Saturday, at Funeraria Paz in Quezon. Thursday morning, Moreno's remains were cremated. Actor Vic Vargas also died last Saturday, at 64, while former action star Cesar Ramirez passed away two Thursdays ago, at 78. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Marvin Agustin, 'Tanging Anak'

WITH HIS real-life role as a dutiful, obedient son, young actor Marvin Agustin may well be tagged as "Ang Tanging Anak," a take-off from his role in the recent Ai-Ai de las Alas smash comedy, "Ang Tanging Ina."

Marvin started earning a living for his family when he was 17. After nine years in show biz, Marvin has undoubtedly made himself one of the most bankable actors of his generation.

With his earnings, Marvin has put up businesses, which he considers his fallback options in case movie and TV projects slow down. He has bought a house in Quezon City for his family, as well as his own pad in San Juan. He continues to send his nephews to school.

No wonder then that Marvin is blessed with good breaks. After "Tanging Ina," he will be seen next in Marilou Diaz-Abaya's new version of her own "Moral," where Marvin plays the son of Eula Valdez and the husband of Dimples Romana.

In the same movie, Marvin works with the likes of Laurice Guillen, Dina Bonnevie, Cherie Pie Picache and Jean Garcia.

Also in the cast is Jericho Rosales.

On TV, Marvin is seen on the ABS-CBN soap "Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas" (9-9:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) and the sitcom "Whatta Men" (Wednesday, 9:30-10:30 p.m.).

Marvin is also an in-house MTV director for Star Records.

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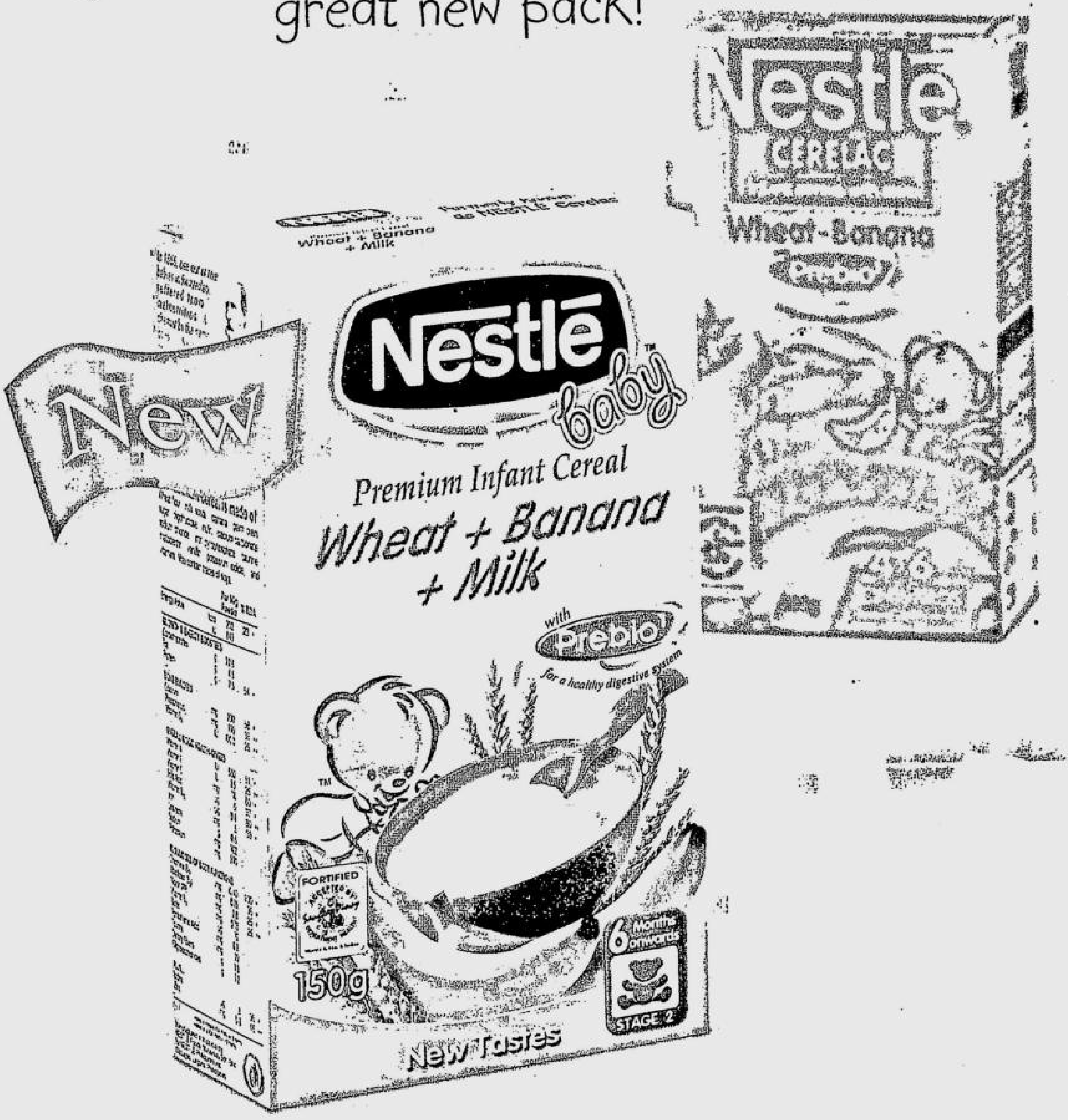

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Aside from Groban, Lani's CD player also contains **Barbra Streisand's** "Classical Barbra," **Celine Dion's** "A New Day Has Come," **Whitney Houston's** "Just Whitney" and, of course, her new album "Tila."

dzMM, 17, holds 'Buntis Congress'

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ing to the congress organizers. They said more than 70 percent of all maternal deaths are due to five major complications: hemorrhage, infection, unsafe abortion, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and obstructed labor.

The majority of maternal deaths, 61 percent, occur in the post-partum period and more than half of these take place within a day after delivery.

Approximately two women in every 1,000 live births die during pregnancy, at childbirth or a period after childbirth. Maternal deaths are higher in poor rural and isolated areas and poor urban communities.

Filipino women also face a one-in-100 chance of dying of maternal causes in their lifetime, the organizers added.

Addressing these problems requires a well functioning health system that encompasses all levels, from the community to referral facilities, and provides accessible, good quality care. Adequate supplies, skilled personnel and an effective system for referral and transport are particularly important for managing obstetric emergencies.

The successful "1st Buntis Congress" coincided with the 17th anniversary of dzMM. The event was a proof of the radio station's commitment to be "in the service of the Filipino," said the organizers.

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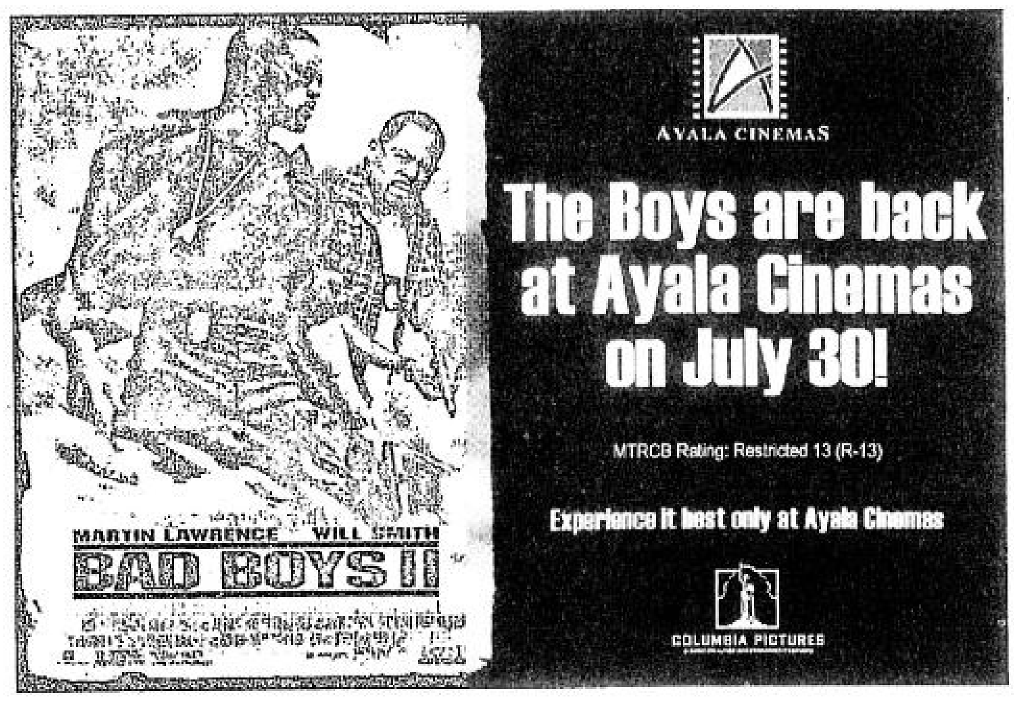
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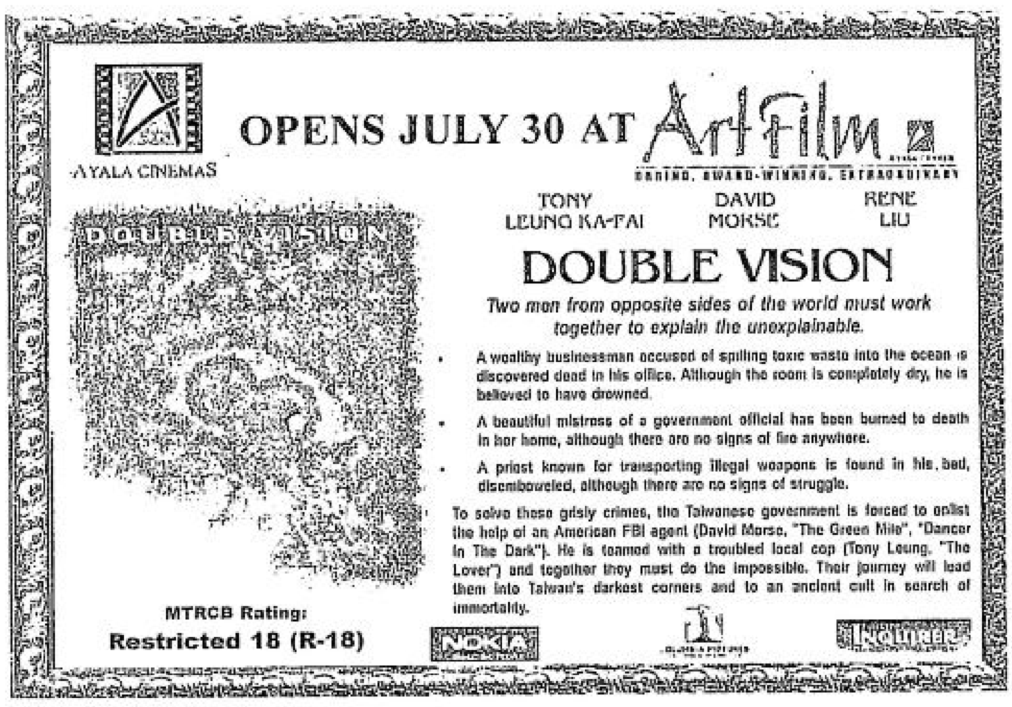
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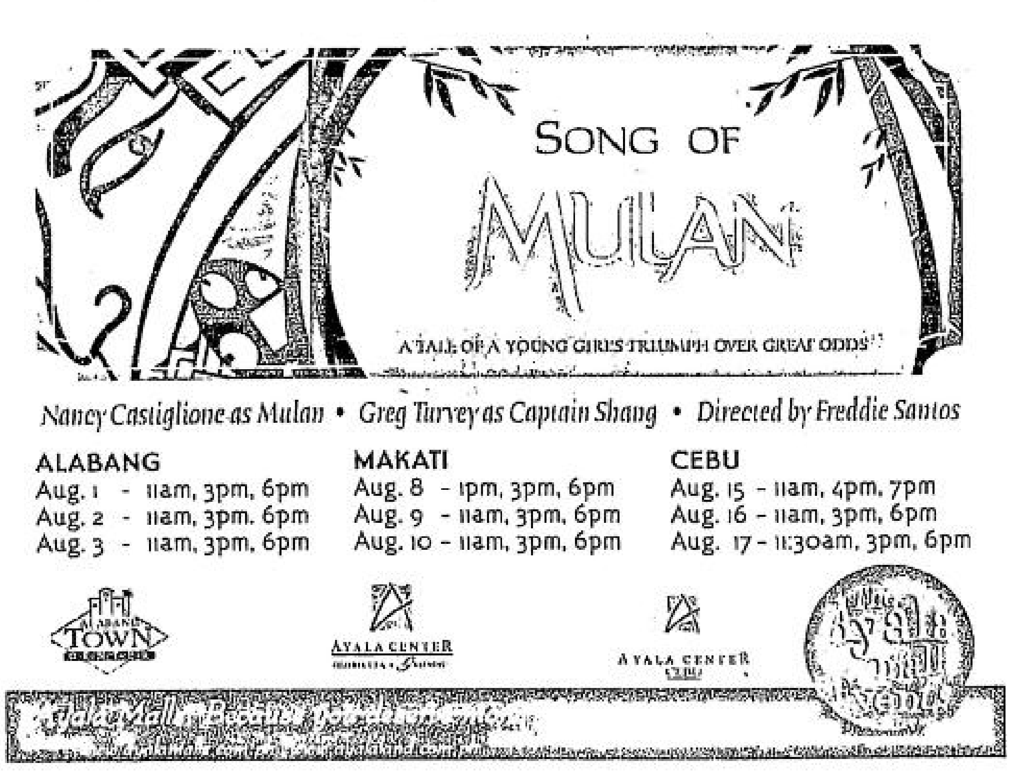
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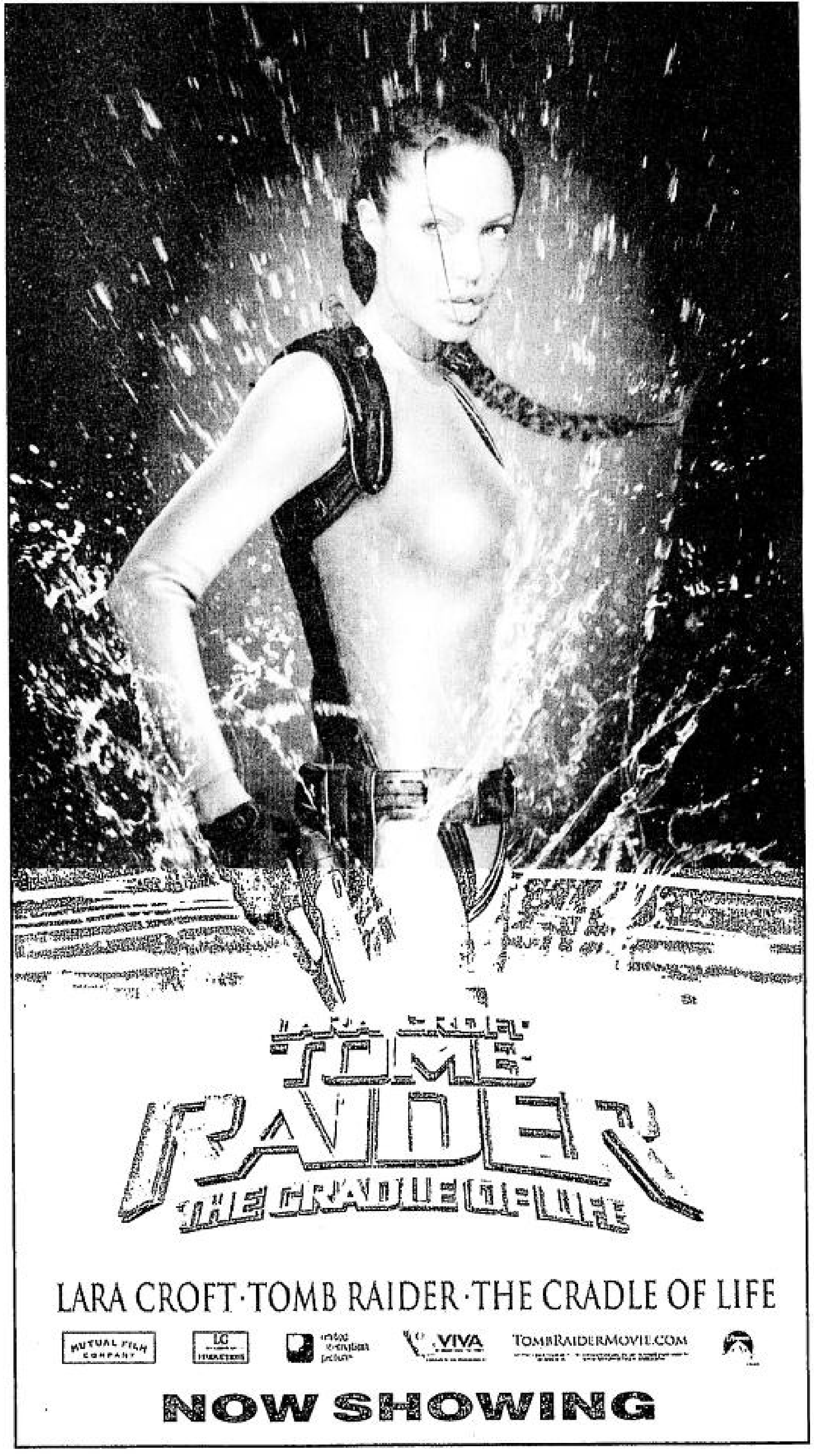
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'Taken' needs to lighten up

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

TWO Sundays ago, we were finally able to watch "Taken," the mini-series an alien abduction on Star Movies. How did it compare to the novelization we had read?

The actual episode held up pretty well, but its visuals tended to be too dark for viewers to easily follow the action. Sometimes, we had to strain to identify the major character involved, and to figure out their interrelationships.

We were also bothered by the show's general depiction of its alien character as rather sinister and scary. We hope that the series' handling of them will lighten up in succeeding episodes, because the show's point is that aliens and humans are not antagonists, and need each other.

Finally, the most striking character thus far are children with special powers, like Jacob Clarke and Jesse keys. This focus on young characters is most welcome because it helps lighten the generally heavy tone of the series.

What's coming up next on "Taken"? Kate Keys is enormously relieved when her son Jesse comes home after going on the lam with his hobo father, Russel, who's been making himself scarce so that the aliens won't be able to subject him to their painful scientific experiment.

Russell also comes home, but he's no longer welcome because Kate has found a new love.

Jacob gets back at his stalker, Owen Crawford, by using his special powers to strike fear in his heart.

But there are other mysterious characters keeping tabs on both Jacob and Jesse, so they don't have a moment's peace.

Later, Russell and Jesse discover that the aliens have placed electronic implants in their brains. Eventually, they learn that all humans abducted by aliens have similar implants in their heads. It takes time for them to figure out the important function of those implants.

For the moment, however, the implants endanger their lives, because the alien hunters in the military can plug into the implants' circuitry and use it to determine their location.

So, Russell and Jesse have to be constantly on the move, and trust people only at their own risk.

Feedback

FROM **Monette Olivera-Pangan**; "I was so delighted when I spotted your article last Saturday on movie musicals, I forgot to read the rest of the papers. I had to go straight to the PC to give my two cents' worth on the topic!:

"It's unfortunate that, when you think of television now, telenovelas and talk shows that air dirty linen are what come to mind. When I was young, my sisters and I could look forward to watching old musical films, like those **Doris Day** musicals you don't see anymore.

"Their storylines weren't heavy or deep, you just looked forward to their yummy songs and dances.

"Then there were the **Mitzi Gaynor** movies in black and white. She's best remembered for her portrayal of Nellie Forbush in 'South Pacific,' but I remember she tap danced in movies like 'Golden Slippers' and 'The Bloodhounds of Broadway.' She also came out in "There's No Business Like Show Business" with **Ethel Merman** and **Marilyn Monroe.**

"There's so much more! But I also remember that they showed local musical movies with **Dolphy,** and the songs in them seemed to be original.

"I also miss seeing TV musical specials topbilled by the likes of **Shirley Maclaine** and **Goldie Hawn.** Growing up with all those musicals prompted me to try dancing (I still teach tap). Whenever I see a musical, I feel the same thrill and excitement. You can imagine how exciting it was for me when 'Moulin Rouge' and 'Chicago' were finally screened here.

"Just the other day, I spotted the movie 'Bojangles' on a cable channel, and I forgot the work I had to do. I sat on the floor, my eyes glued to the TV screen.

"Wouldn't it be great if they showed those old musicals on TV again? Or if they could stage musicals that people could afford to go to? (Did you play Zack in Rep's Chorus Line!? I seem to recall your being in it.) (NUT: Yes, dancing to death with my two left feet.)

"Watching old musicals on TV may raise performing standards here and prompt today's young actors to really work on their singing and dancing."

'Heist'

DAVID Mamet's "Heist" will be shown on the Cinemax channel at 9 p.m. tonight.

Full of sophisticated puns and quips, "Heist" stars ace veteran stars **Gene Hackman, Danny Devito** and **Delroy Lindo.**

The film is about a con artist (Hackman) who is blackmailed by another criminal into completing just one more job before he retires. However, the plan goes terribly wrong, so everyone is forced to improvise—with edgily scary results.

THE FOCUS on children and other young characters helps lighten the heavy tone of "Taken."

Pops to open 2 Pipay shops in August

SHOW STOPPER

CONCERT Queen Pops Fernandez is opening in August two Pipay flagship stores, on the fifth level of the Shangri-La Plaza Mall and on the second floor of Beauty Central in Shoppesville in Greenhills, San Juan. Both stores will carry her line of RTW clothing.

The Pipay line, initially available at Anonymous, features shirts, bags and accessories. It has expanded to include denims and scents, which will be found in the new flagship stores.

"I am so excited with the Pipay flagship stores," says Pops. "I have always been interested in fashion and this is sort of a dream come true for me. I help design some of the clothes and choose the merchandise the stores carry. That's how involved I am with Pipay. When I immerse myself in something, I give it my 100 percent."

Pops continues to be successful also when it comes to her show biz career. She has just concluded a successful concert in Canada, where she filled the biggest concert venue in Vancouver.

Christina Aguilera was scheduled to perform that same night in a different venue in Vancouver, but the show was canceled, reportedly due to poor ticket sales. Equally successful was Pops' concert in Toronto, with special guests John Lapus and Janno Gibbs.

Pops will soon appear in a GMA 7 *telesine* she produced. She is also the endorser of Confident napkins and the Shangri-La Plaza Mall.

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2 Janno-Michael V films failed to make it

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romantic comedy directed by Joey Gosengfiao, was in 14th spot with 82.09 percent.

"Beinte-Kwatro Oras . . . Ikaw O Ako" starring Ronnie Ricketts and Monsour del Rosario and directed by Ricketts himself, landed in 15th place with 80.88.

The family drama "Kadena" starring veteran actresses Pilar Pilapil and Chanda Romero, and Vina Morales and Danilo Barrios was 16th with 80.48 percent.

Another fantasy movie, Bong Revilla's "Agimat" (the prequel), backed out from the derby because the action star reportedly would be running for senator and would be violating a provision that bans movie stars and other media personalities from appearing in movies and on television during the campaign season, Malonzo said.

Malonzo, who is running either for congressman or senator, said Revilla, former governor of Cavite province, was bent on returning to the political arena and did not want to jeopardize his campaign.

Malonzo explained that the selection committee had avoided duplication in the genre of the entries.

"Even then, there were still overlapping categories like in the family dramas," he admitted:

Regal's "Mano Po II" in second place with a 94.95-percent rating, and Viva's "Filipinas," described by producer Vic Del Rosario as this year's "Tanging Yaman," in fifth place with 93.95 percent were two family dramas competing for a share of that audience which has continued to shrink.

Star Cinema's "Milan," a romantic drama, starring Claudine Barretto and Piolo Pascual, snagged the top spot with the highest score, 94.99 percent.

The exclusion of "Harry Father," starring Dolphy whose movies have always been filmfest fodder, was an obvious disappointment even among the producers themselves.

REVILLA

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"It's not the same without Dolphy," said a producer who did not want to be named.

But Viva's executive creative director Dennis Garcia said this year's choices were a sign that times and tastes were changing.

"We can't be stuck with the past," he said.

2 Jay Manalo...

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and the City of Manila to finance the subtitling of the movie," Lamangan added.

"Huling Birhen" is to receive a cash prize of P500,000 from the Manila city government for winning the best picture award in the 2003 Manila Film Festival last June.

Matti said he is sending his friend, newspaper columnist Jessica Zafra, to Singapore on Aug. 2 to supervise the subtitling of "Prosti."

"Prosti" won for Manalo his first-ever best actor award from the Urian for his performance as a pimp who falls in love with a prostitute (Aubrey Miles).

He received his second acting award from the Manila Film Festival jurors last month for "Huling Birhen," where he portrayed an ex-convict posing as a priest and miracle worker.

"I'm overwhelmed by what is happening to my career," said Manalo, who will be celebrating his 10th year in show biz in December.

"I'm thankful that local award-giving bodies appreciate my work, but I'm also praying that international critics will also notice."

Manolo, who first appeared in sexy movies like "Totoy Mola" and "Gayuma," said he is not too choosy with roles now that he is starting to be recognized as a dramatic actor. He says he is simply happy to be working.

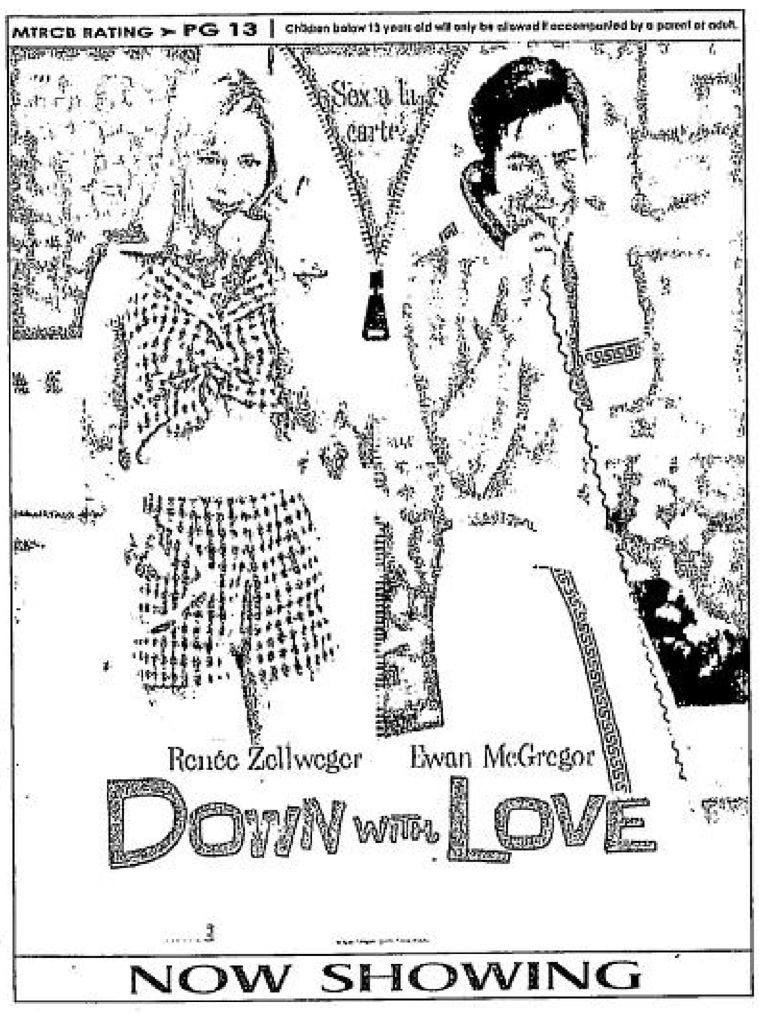
He will soon play a villain opposite young comedian Vhong Navarro in "Gagamboy," which Matti is also directing.

"He is an intelligent and sensitive actor," Matti said of Manalo. "He understands instructions easily and is able to come up with the exact emotion needed in a particular scene."

Said Lamangan: "Jay is one of the most competent actors in his age bracket. "He will surely go a long way."

DID YOU KNOW...

Comedian Bayani Agbayani, mainstay of ABS-CBN's daily noontime show, "Masayang Tanghali Bayan," the sitcom "OK Fine Whatever". and the gag show "Klasmeyts," is obviously a huge fan of Mexican telenovelas. Bayani and his wife Len-Len named their daughters Maria Thalia, Rosalinda Maria and Mary Mar.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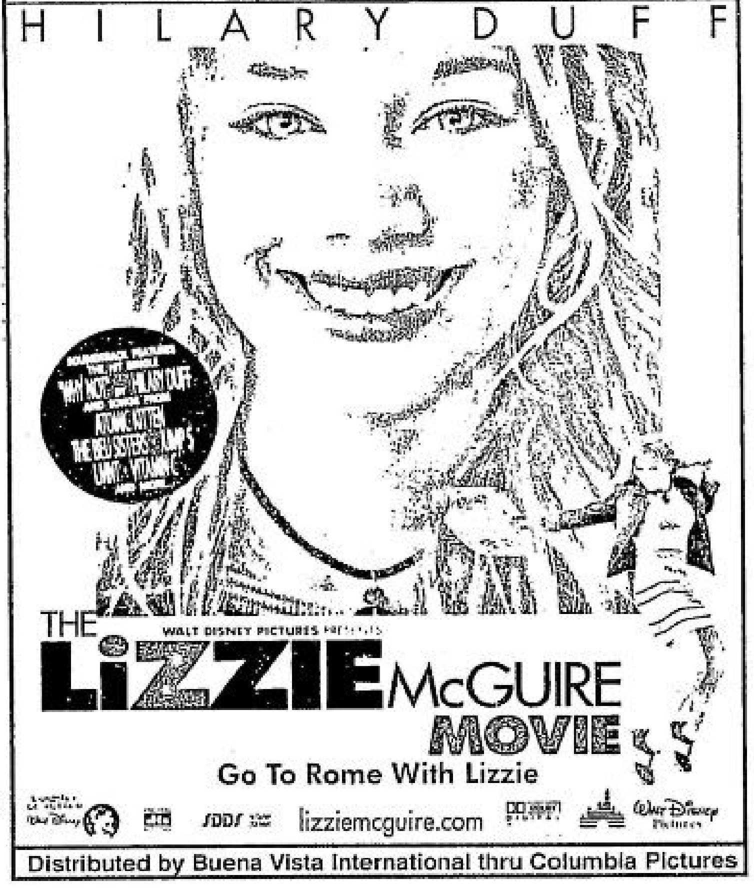
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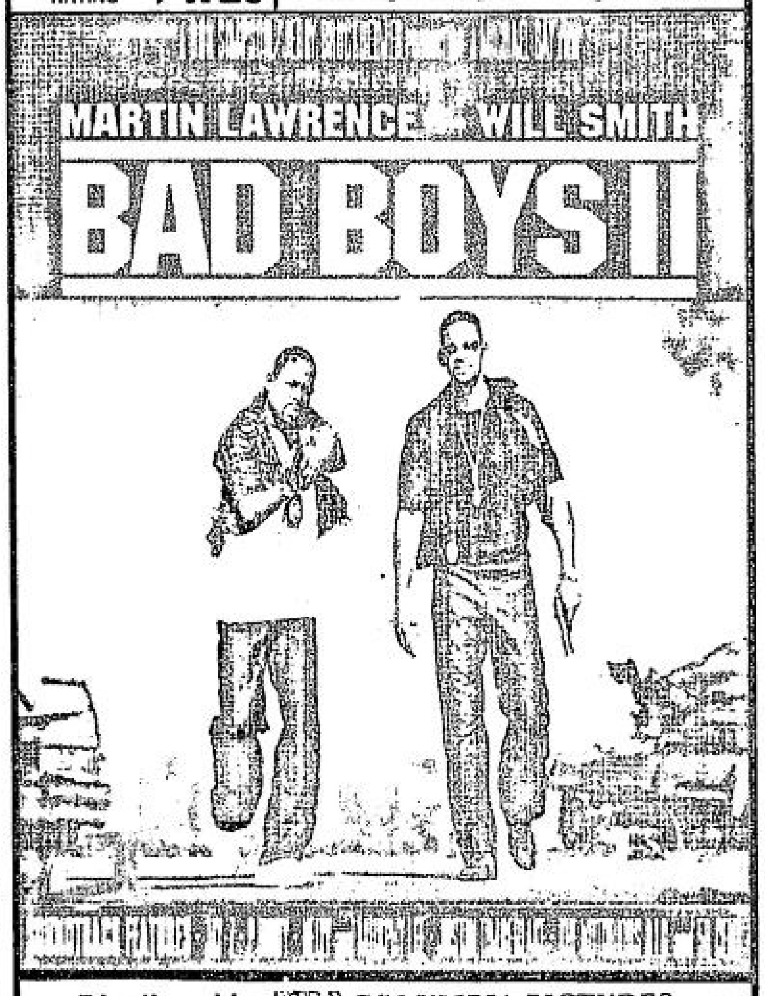

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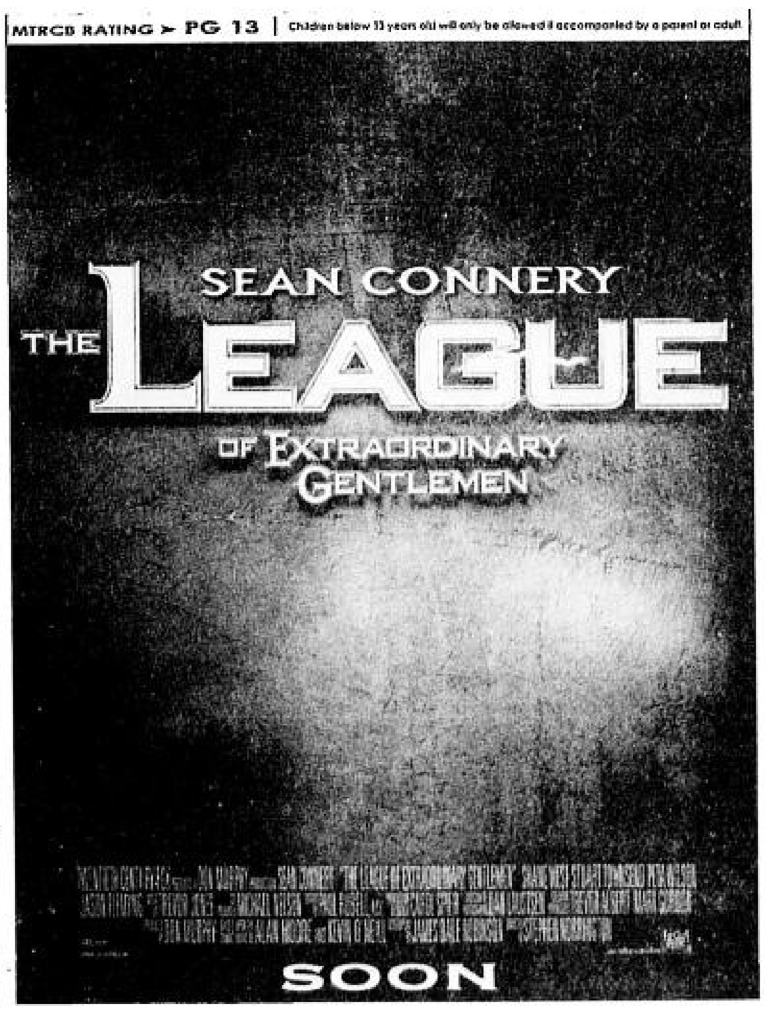

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Niño-Edith marriage: He said, she said

DOLLY WOOD

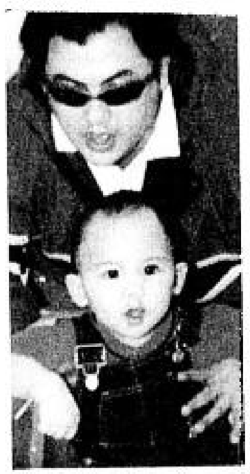
Dolly Ann Carvajal

SINCE I wrote in my previous columns about the marital problems of **Niño Muhlach** and his wife **Edith**, talk shows have been badgering the couple for interviews.

There are always two sides to a story, but shouldn't married couples be on the same side since they are supposed to be one flesh already? That's the ideal situation, but marriage show biz-style does not seem so ideal anymore.

So the "he-said, she-said" debate rages on. To aggravate matters, there's also a "they-said" version.

In Onin and Edith's case, an industry insider tipped me off that Onin allegedly impregnated á pretty young thing who used to work for a production outfit. The baby, a girl now two months old, was baptized recently and those who saw her claimed she was the spitting image of Onin.



MUHLACH and son

People close to the girl claimed that Onin started keeping his distance as soon as he found out that she was infanticipating.

Positively Chin-Chin

CHIN-CHIN Gutierrez is all fired up over her role as Valentina in Ballet Philippine's remake of "Darna," which will open on Aug. 1 at the CCP Main Theater. She's unperturbed by the controversy that **Jenine Desiderio** resigned from the cast because of a rumored clash with her.

GUTIERREZ

"The truth is, I was the last to know," said Chin-Chin. "There was really no problem between us. I guess it's a producer-artist-manager internal issue. I don't know why I had to be involved."

After landing on the cover of Time magazine for her relentless crusade for Mother Nature, such intrigues seem much too petty for Chin-Chin.

"Friends were asking me why Jenine's name was not in the flyers anymore," she said. "I thought it was just a joke to get me anxious. As it is, I'm already terrified with the task at hand although it's quite a privilege to be in the show. I would rather focus on my performance. I have always been one who channels time and energy into positive and creative stuff. I've got no room for negativity."

She may be portraying a villain in "Darna," but Chin-Chin does not take the character with her once the curtains fall and the lights go out. She has always been known to be kind and gentle to the environment. What more to her co-workers?

Rated Rex

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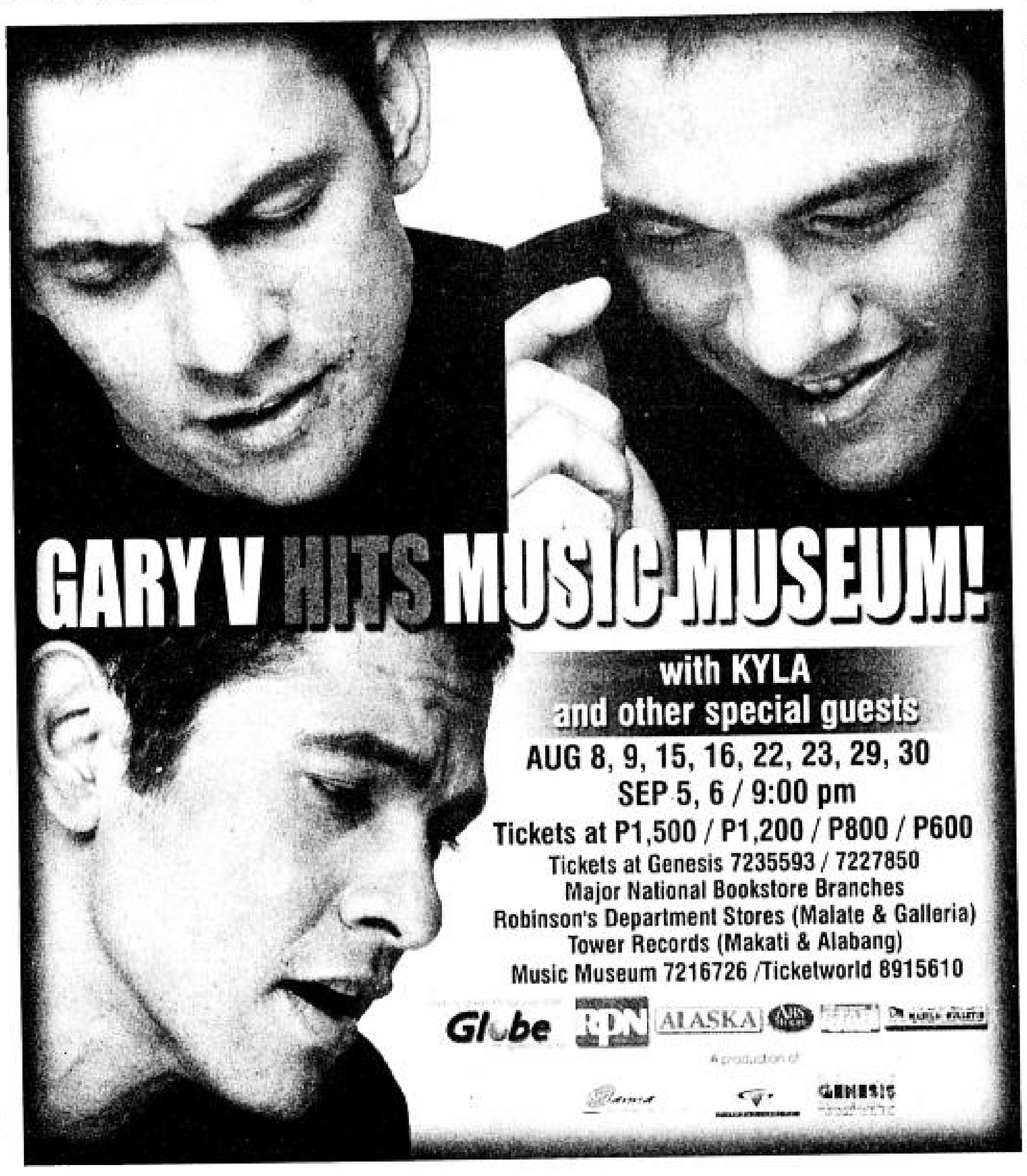

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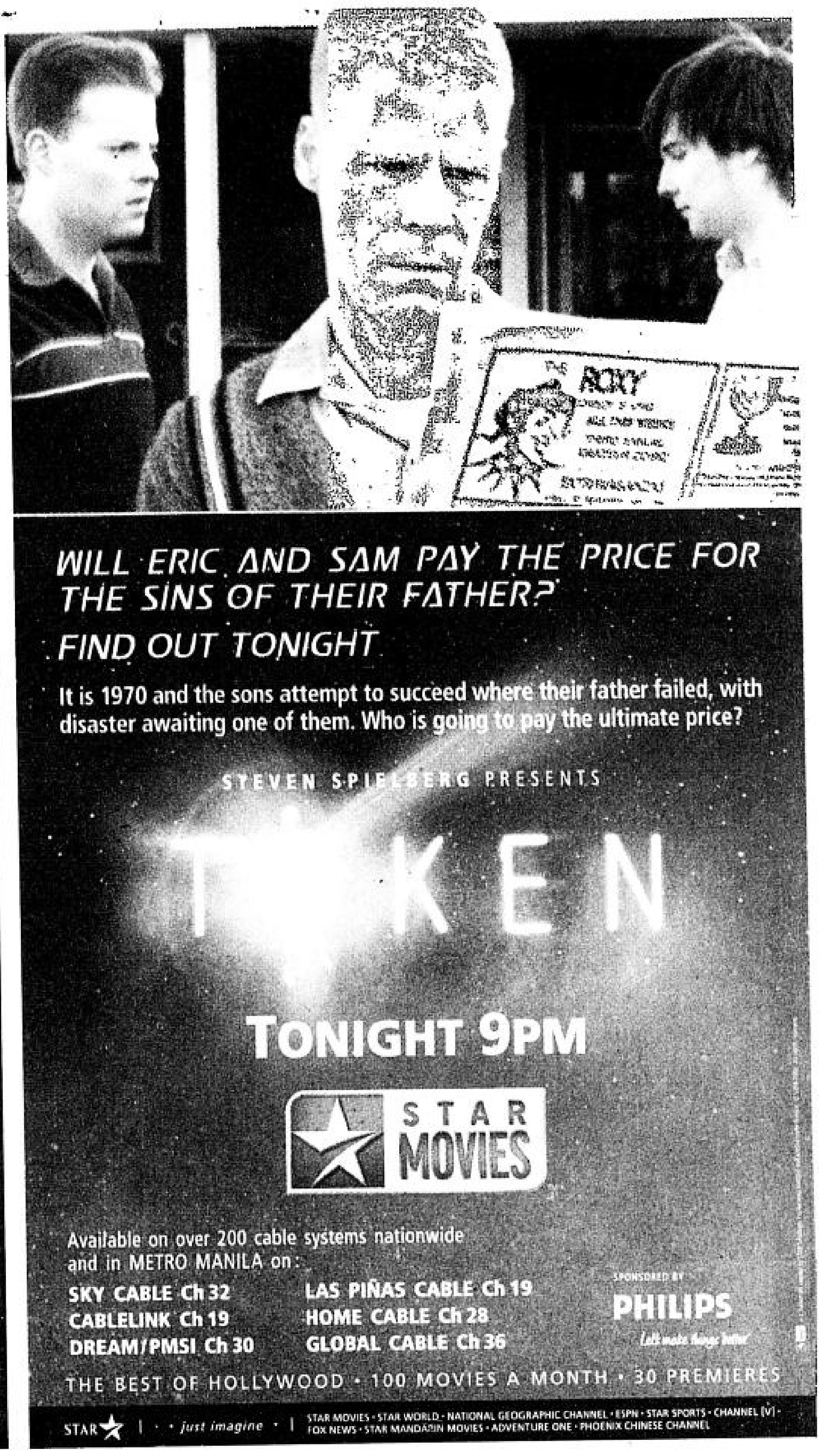

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METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL

2 Janno-Michael V films failed to make it

GIBBS

By Nini Valera

THE COMEDY "G.H.O.S.T" scored only 78.47 percent and took the last place among the movies that failed to qualify for this year's Metro Manila Film Festival.

The movie, which was not yet cast at the time its script was submitted to the MMFF selection committee, had Janno Gibbs or Michael V. listed as the lead stars. It would be produced by Violet Films and directed by Jose M. Carreon based on his own screenplay.

Another Janno Gibbs or Michael V. starrer, "Super Palos...Oops Super Paltos Pala," to be produced by Ideal Concept under the direction of Edgardo Vinarao, was also in the cellar with an 80.30-percent rating for the 17th place.

In 18th place was FLT's "Mentors Garden" starring Cindy Kurleto, Michelle Bayle, Andrew E., Carlos Agassi and Allan K., with a 78.88 score.

This year's 10 entries were selected based on the following criteria: 50 percent for story, creativity, writing excellence, innovation, thematic values and global appeal; 30 percent for commercial viability and 20 percent for positive Filipino culture/historical values.

But not making it in the festival did not mean these movies were bad, according to MMFF vice-overall chair and Caloocan Mayor Rey Malonzo.

"But we're satisfied with the entries," Malonzo said on Friday. "Unfortunately, we just can't please everybody."

That the Nora Aunor movie "Bituin, Buwan at Araw," to be directed by Elwood Perez, and Dolphy's "Harry Father" did not make it was an indication of tougher criteria in the judging, Malonzo said.

"But these were also good movies," he explained. "They just didn't make the score."

"Harry Father" was in 11th place with 86.34-percent score, and "Bituin" in 12th with 84.2 percent.

Next was "Rizal Republic," a musical, semi-documentary-current history drama starring Antoinette Taus, Roxanne Barcelo and Bryan Homecillo, with 82.95 percent.

Judy Ann Santos' "Meant To Be," a

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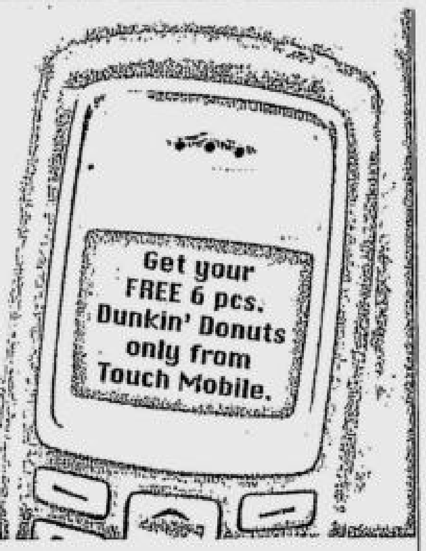
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The songbird as a clotheshorse

Regine Velasquez doesn't mind being branded 'baduy' if she likes a look

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vecina

SONGBIRD Regine Velasquez describes herself as a "jeans-and-T-shirt kind of gal," but everybody knows she's anything but that when she steps into the limelight.

One minute she's a disco diva in short shorts, barely-there top, feather boa, and a pair of chunky boots. The next minute she's a nymph with a floral crown and a flowing yellow gown made of layers upon layers of diaphanous fabric with hundreds of faux butterflies.

"I guess I'm very experimental when it comes to fashion," says Regine. "I've worn things, especially when I was younger, that other people probably found weird. I don't care what they think. When I like a certain look, I'm not afraid to wear it."

THE SONGBIRD/ D4

BUTTERFLY. **Regine Velasquez in an aqua number embroidered with silver thread and bugle beads. The asymmetric skirt is cut on the bias.**

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DR. Teofilo Recitas of the Home-Reach Foundation, Inc. (left) and Dr. Ramiro Cadag of the Gift of Life (right) with members of the medical mission going to Bohol

DR. Cadag greets Dr. del Mundo during the welcome dinner for the Bohol medical mission team.

HEALTH Secretary Manuel Dayrit

Sandugo festival program includes open-heart surgeries

Text by Linda B. Bolido
Photos by Roger Carpio

THE SANDUGO Festival, the annual commemoration of the historic blood compact in 1565 between Bohol's Datu Sikatuna, a native chieftain, and Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, representing the King of Spain, is more than just revelry, fun and games this year.

As part of the celebration, which closes end of the month, overseas Bol-anons and friends conducted a medical mission to bring health and medical care to different parts of the province famed for the Chocolate Hills and the tarsier, the world's smallest primate.

Heading the mission were Dr. Teofilo P. Recitas, chair of the New York-based Home-Reach Foundation, Inc., and Dr. Ramiro Cadag of Gift of Life (GOL), an initiative of New York's Rotary District 7250. Cadag is director of the Philippine GOL.

This year, the biennial mission linked up with the Philippine Heart Foundation, which assists indigent Filipino patients who need expensive procedures for heart ailments, to bring another dimension to the usual program of delivering free medicines and providing treatment for common diseases.

A team of surgeons, nurses and other medical health workers from the Philippine Heart Center (PHC) did open-heart and other surgical procedures among more than 20 patients aged 3 to 40. Recitas said Home-Reach took care of the cost of bringing the surgical team, equipment and supplies to Bohol. The Philippine Airlines Foundation extended assistance through fare discounts for the medical team.

The Balik-Bohol medical mission was started in 1994 by New York-based Filipino physicians and health workers who wanted to do something for their home country. Recitas, a Bol-anon, said he chose his province because it would be easy for him to organize activities there knowing local government officials and community leaders were very willing to help.

It was through the medical mission that the American GOL, which had started to help needy American children born with heart problems, got its first Filipino beneficiary. The child, a blue baby or someone born with various defects in the structure of the heart and major blood vessels, was flown to the United States for much-needed surgery. The case paved the way for the setting up by Home-Reach of the Philippine GOL in 2000. It has so far assisted some 25 patients.

GOL has since extended assistance to children of other nationalities, and Home-Reach has also expanded its area of coverage. Not only has it started to work in Cebu and Nueva Ecija but it has also brought its services to India, home country of one of its volunteer doctors in the Bohol missions. Moreover, Home-Reach has gone beyond medical missions, donating equipment, including dialysis machines, and supplies to beef up the Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital. Cadag said a mammography unit has also been sent, but so far it remains unused.

Home-Reach, realizing that poverty was often the reason for ill health, also initiated livelihood-training programs to help families augment their incomes. However, Recitas said the initiative is not doing very well.

The foundation is also sending to school at least nine scholars so far, five in Bohol and four in Cebu, although Recitas said if they could get permanent funding for a scholarship program, they would expand the project.

In addition, during this trip, Home-Reach and Philippine GOL handed to the PHC a check for US$12,000 for the treatment of 12 children with various heart problems.

The PHC initiative is being undertaken in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Manila. Another program for children is being set up in the Philippine General Hospital in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Intramuros.

TWO respected women physicians, former social welfare secretary Dr. Mita Pardo de Tavera and Ramon Magsaysay awardee Dr. Fe del Mundo

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What to expect when you visit your ENT

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Once the causes are known and the symptoms are described, a management plan tailored to our individual problems and needs may be prescribed.

The patient who is well informed will also generally be more highly motivated to follow the necessary therapeutic regimen.

PATIENT HISTORY

Patients with throat problems will have any of the following symptoms: sore throat, difficulty in swallowing and/or speaking. If any of these complaints are found, they should be characterized in detail.

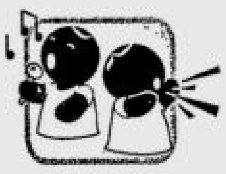
The following outline is a practical guide for inquiry into your complaints. Read on to know what to expect at your ENT doctor's office.

SORE THROAT

- How many times do you have sore throat in a month? In a year?
- What is the duration of each episode?
- Is it accompanied by fever, cough, difficulty in swallowing or breathing, or voice change?
- What treatment has been given in the past?
- Do you smoke or drink alcohol?

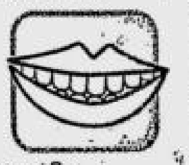
HOARSENESS

- When did you first notice a change in you voice quality?(weeks, months, years)
- Was the onset gradual or sudden?
- Was your voice weak or completely gone?
- Have you been hoarse before? If so, when and how often?
- Was the hoarseness preceded by a cold or sore throat?
- Is there pain and discomfort in breathing when you speak?
- Do you smoke or drink alcohol excessively?
- Have you been shouting, singing or overusing your voice?
- Have you been through any recent surgical procedure?



MOUTH SORES

- Where are the sores located? On the lips, gums, tongue or lining of the cheeks?
- How long have you had the sores?
- Have you had this type of sore before?
- What medications do you presently take?
- Are there other accompanying symptoms like fever or sore throat?



Because systemic illness commonly produces ENT problems, evaluation also includes your current and past medical history and general physical examination. A variety of diagnostic procedures such as laryngoscopy, blood tests and x-rays may also be requested to assist in the diagnosis of your problem.

Proper medical care requires a thorough examination prior to diagnosis and initiation of treatment. A visit to the doctor once an ailment is experienced is helpful. He will always be ready to help you. This way, you can be certain that you will always be in good health!

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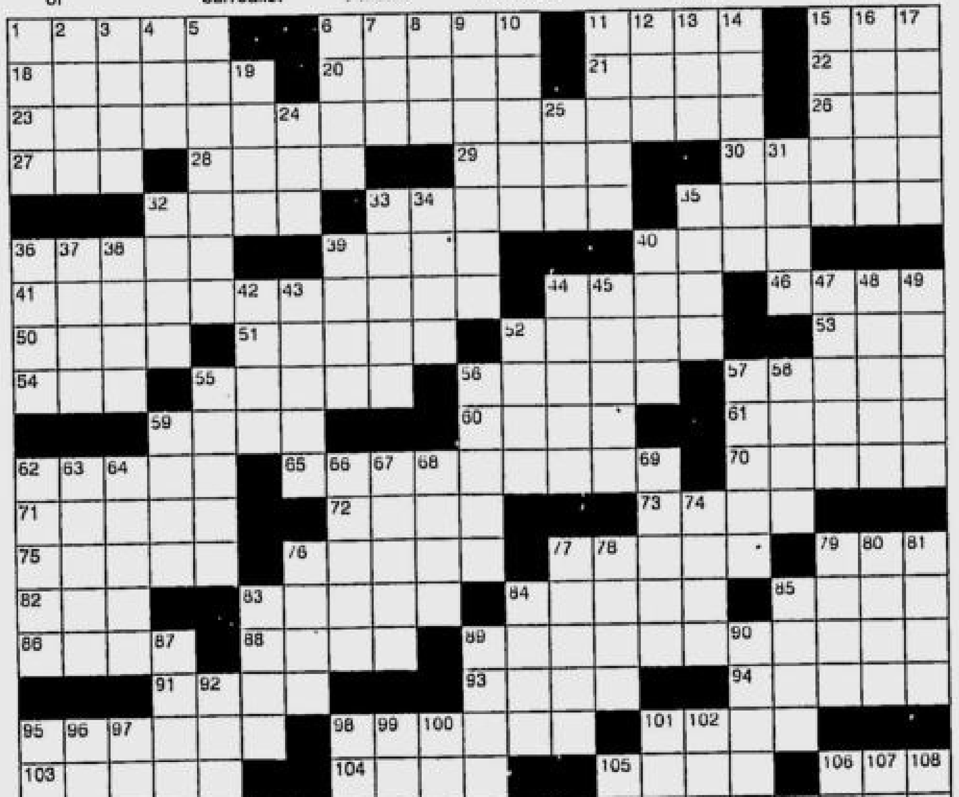

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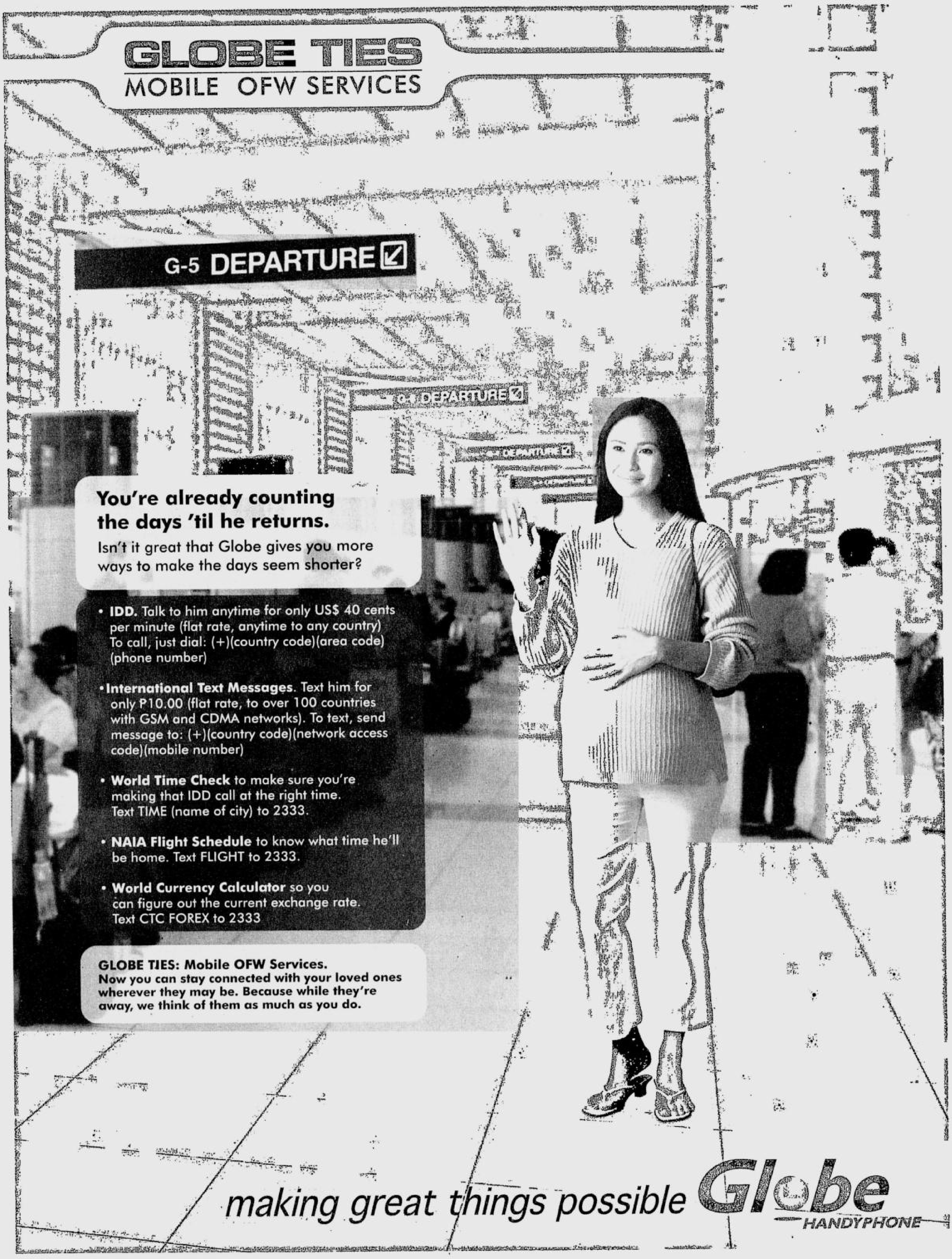

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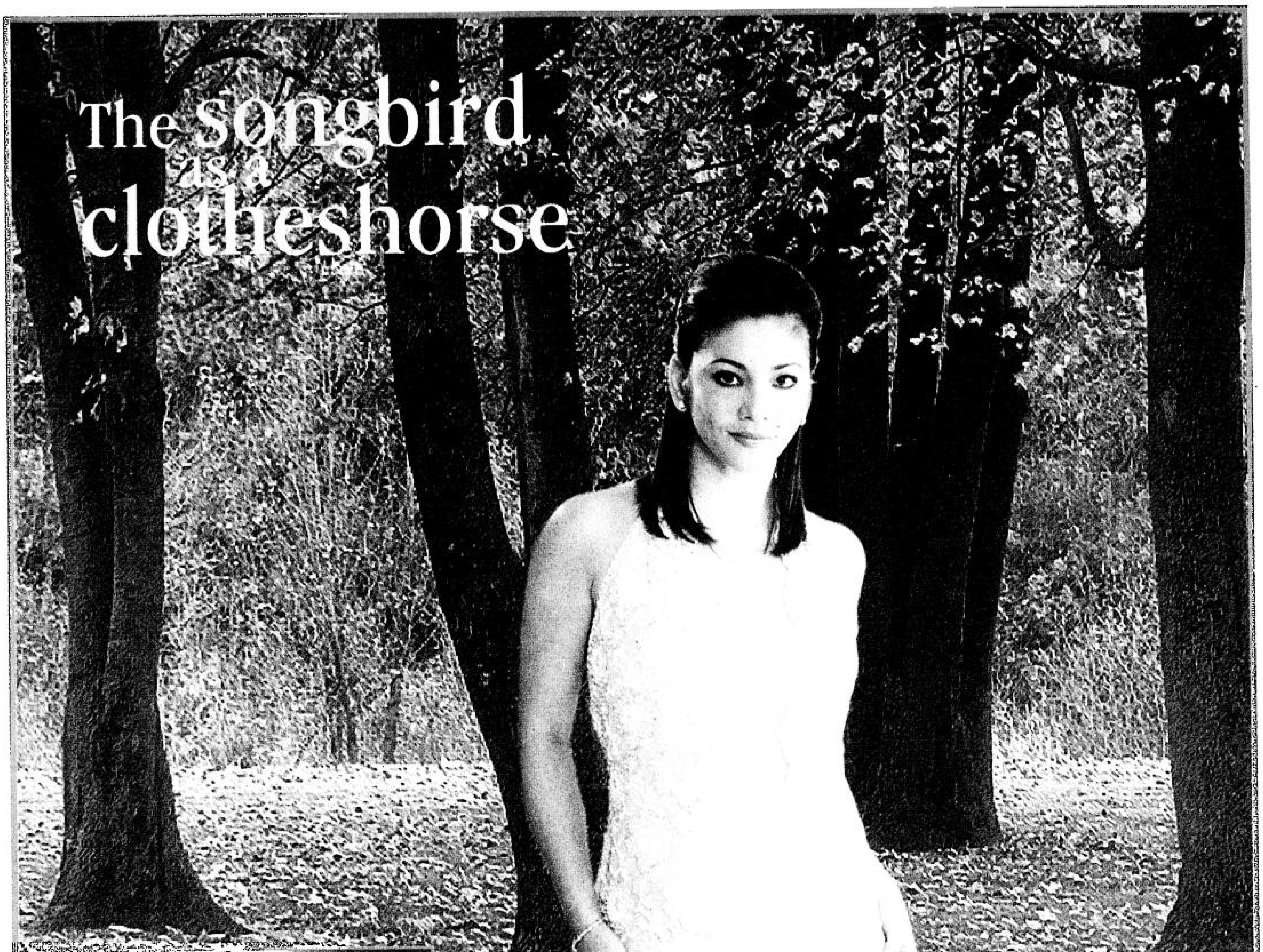
The songbird as a clotheshorse



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images' earrings.

WHITE LADY. A gown made of stretch Chantilly lace with an assortment of beadwork draws attention to Regine's chest and legs. She adds a twist to the look by wearing a pair of high-heeled lace-ups from Casa Dei.

CLOTHES:
RAJO LAUREL
MAKEUP:
REGINE VELASQU
HAIR:
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PRETTY IN PINK. Regine wears a beaded corset with a voluminous skirt consisting of 50 or so layers of monochromatic pink tulle.

CITY GIRL. The former country lass goes retro in a 1920s-inspired dress made of beaded chiffon and fuchsia jersey with a cowl neckline and hanky drop hem. Shoes from Fendi.

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Regine always knew what she wanted even as a struggling singer, wearing the clothes she liked to amateur singing contests, despite objections from her parents, especially her equally strong-willed dad, who used to be her manager.

"Ever since I was a child," says Regine, who's now managed by younger sister Cacai Velasquez-Mitra, "I've always insisted on wearing what I wanted to wear *kahit baduy pa 'yan.*"

Constant evolution

Two things are certain about Regine's fashion sense: it has never been boring and it is constantly evolving. She credits designer Rajo Laurel, a long-time collaborator, for helping her craft her looks. Members of a mutual admiration society, Regine's relationship with Rajo dates back to almost a decade ago when he was still honing his skills under the tutelage of designer Louie Mamengo.

When Mamengo left for the United States, he entrusted his star client to his star apprentice, who became not only constant collaborators but also good friends. One of their biggest collaborations was Regine's wardrobe in "R2K", her record-breaking two-day concert at the Araneta Coliseum three years ago. The collection is her all-time favorite.

"Of the hundreds of outfits I've worn, I can no longer recall which ones are my favorite," she says. "Almost everybody I know hates '80s fashion, but I love it. For a time I was also very much into the grunge look in the mid-'90s. But one of the most memorable looks Rajo did for me was for 'R2K'. The print-on-print concept was very Dolce & Gabanna. I love everything about it—from the gown, to the boots, to the cowboy hat, down to the feather boa."

And why does she adore Laurel? Because,

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more than anything else, he knows "my every curve so well." And fit means everything to the fastidious Regine.

"I always make it a point to do fittings," she says. "But (even) when I don't have the time for fittings, Rajo always comes up with something that fits like a glove. I don't know how he does it, but he even knows (how to make adjustments when) I tell him on the phone I gained some weight."

Regine admires Laurel's creativity, versatility and his uncanny ability to read her thoughts. From a few inputs from her, he would know what to do and is open to suggestions.

Subject of experiments

"He's also very experimental," says Regine. "He delights in the fact that I don't mind being the subject of his experiments."

Believe it or not, singer and designer have yet to disagree on anything. With Laurel's help, Regine has overcome her fear of wearing mini skirts and has "colorized" her almost all-black wardrobe.

"I've never liked my legs," she confesses. "I feel awkward exposing them. Rajo did recently one mini skirt for me, which I particularly liked. (And) he managed to convince me to wear mini skirts in my TV shows more often."

Laurel also has nice things to say about Regine, as a person and as a clotheshorse. Despite being a star, he says, she endears herself to people she deals with.

In her choice of clothes, Laurel describes Regine as a free spirit, a chameleon who can assume any shape, color and form. She has a rare ability, he says, to wear the most outrageous and most revealing outfits and get away with it.

"I always tease Regine that she gets her voice not from her diaphragm but from her skin," says Laurel. "The more skin she exposes, the higher the range of her voice. *Wala siyang takot* (to wear anything)! What's surprising is she doesn't look indecent in the most revealing gowns. Maybe because she's an innocent who simply wants to express herself through her clothes."

Regine is clear about her intentions: "I'm not out to shock people. I don't even dress up for other people. I just love dressing up to express myself. As an artist, I might as well use the license given me to be more creative in what I wear."

And how far will Regine push the fashion envelope?

"I don't know. Very far, probably," she says with a nervous laugh. "I have no idea, actually. I haven't even stopped to think how far I've gone."

In all likelihood, singer-actress Regine Velasquez has miles to go fashion-wise before she peaks.

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Miracles of Mead Johnson

Meet Jericho. He spen the first three years of his life on his back with no energy to ven stand up.

He had little or iorhing to eat, his family's daily meal onsisting of nothing but instant noodle

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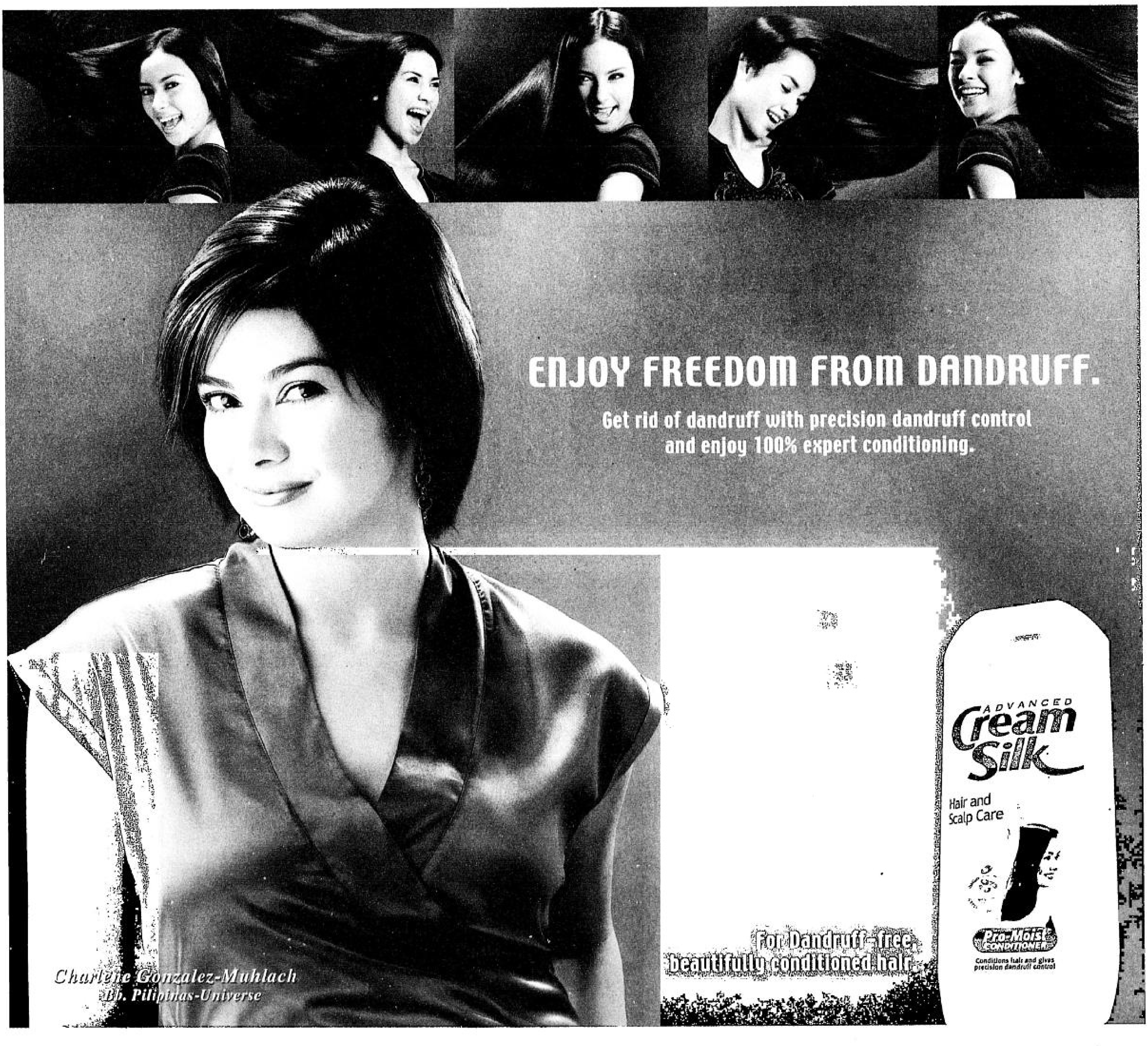
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Oh my gosh, it's Lizzie McGuirre and the teenyboppers are like so fired up

MOVE OVER, TESSA. Sarah Atayde, Bernice Tengco and Inna Cristobal enjoy being girls in feathered boas!

All-girls' slumber party takes flight

MYCINEMA at Greenbelt turned into one big bedroom for Gift Gate's slumber party and special screening of "The Lizzie McGuire Movie." The young guests came with pillows, fluffy slippers and sleepwear.

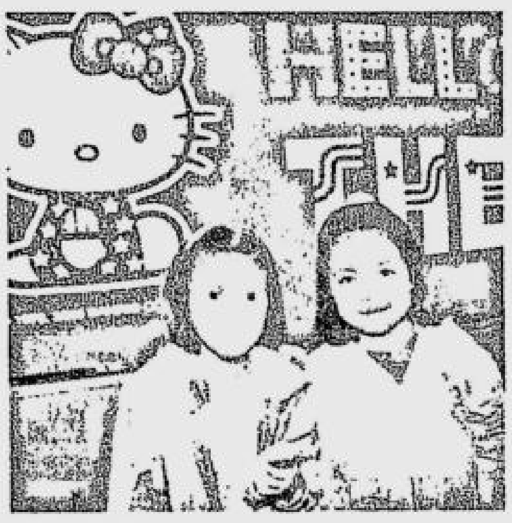
Mystic Hello Kitty Astrology Zone was there to tell the future. The Gift Gate Slum Book was waiting to be filled up. The candy bin was filled to the brim with goodies and giveaways from Sanrio, Russ, Benetton and Flik Flak. There were makeup and nail polish on the table. The giant Fuji Print Pix Corner was on standby to preserve the fond memo-

ALL-GIRLS'/D7

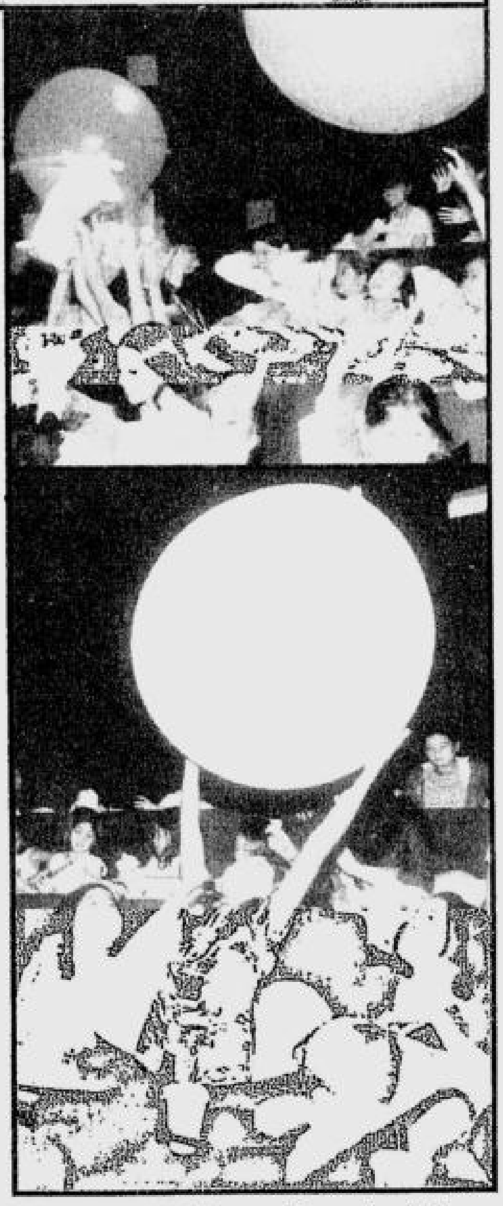
***LOLA'S* girl Nina Aquino Abellada and buddy Cheska del Rosario said they had a really great time.**

ARRIANE Lim with her Russ Girl Power doll, which she won in the Lizzie trivia game.

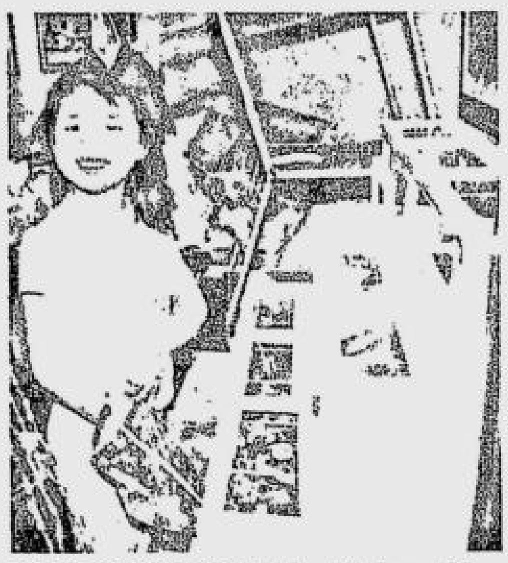
IT'S a blue Chinese collar slumber wear for Maya Seneviratne.



EXPECTANT guests for an afternoon of great slumber party fun at the "Hello Kitty Theater"—Andrea Tan and Tiffany Uy



(top) **ITALIAN** all the way! Bouncing balloons to win... and Maya Seviratne prevails!



HAND IN THE BAG. Maxine Alindogan fills her loot bag to the brim with all sorts of cool giveaways from Benetton, Russ, Sanrio and Flik Flak.

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"HELLO! Is this Lizzie McGuire?" says Annika Valdes.

Miracles of Mead Johnson

Here is Jeremaia. She was born with no bile ducts in her liver. When she was barely a year old, doctors diagnosed he· · suffering from a rare and fatal disease called biliary atresia.

Her family faced the scary possibility that Jeremaia would probably not live beyond one year. But through the arity of foreign NGO's, she was brought to the United State a life-saving operation.

While waiting for the operation that would turn her life ound, Jeremaia survived on a supply of special milk donated Mead Johnson.

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WHOOO! Annika can't seem to wait for her Fuji Instax Mini Picture to appear.

KITTY in a KT (Kate Torralba) original delights the girl-powered guests!

DIRECTOR Rowell Santiago, who thought of the concept, with designer Kate Torralba

CANDY magazine editor in chief Mia Fausto and her twin star nieces, Gabby (left) and Alex Anonas

RUSS girl power times three—Michelle Tengco, Ina Guingona and Louisa Quiros

All-girls . . .

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ries.

Ana and Maetel were there. Sisters Iya and Sandra were with their friend Alexa. Also there were Nina Abellada and Tere Villonco.

Best of all, there were no fussy parents and no bully brothers. This was a night for girl power.

When guests took their seats, they found their very own Hello Kitty and My Melody pillows. They even got Northwest Airlines blankets—like they were indeed traveling on a plane!

Candy Magazine's Council of Cool and Seventeen Magazine's Teen Advisory Board led the piggy-back game and the Lizzie McGuire trivia contest, among other fun things.

Guests got a feel of the movie's highlight. In the movie, when Lizzie fulfilled her dream and sang in her first concert in Rome, the Makati theater itself was filled with dancing strobe lights.

Hello Kitty, in her Kate Torralba-designed denim ensemble, gave away raffle prizes.

In her Slum Book entry, five-year-old Maxine Alindogan called the afternoon, which ended with a shower of confetti and candies, "her happiest moment." She is so, so right.

Miracles of Mead Johnson

Then there is Royson. His family is one of the hundreds if not thousands of families subsisting in an urban creek-side shantytown.

Because of poverty, he was born severely malnourished. Sleep came hard for Royson as well, because of his crooked spine.

At age four, he would take a mere two steps and fall from sheer exhaustion.

Life did not seem to offer hope for Royson and his family until Mead Johnson provided him with a constant supply of milk.

Royson is now five years old
and just like any other child
he can run and play and is fearless
unafraid to fall.

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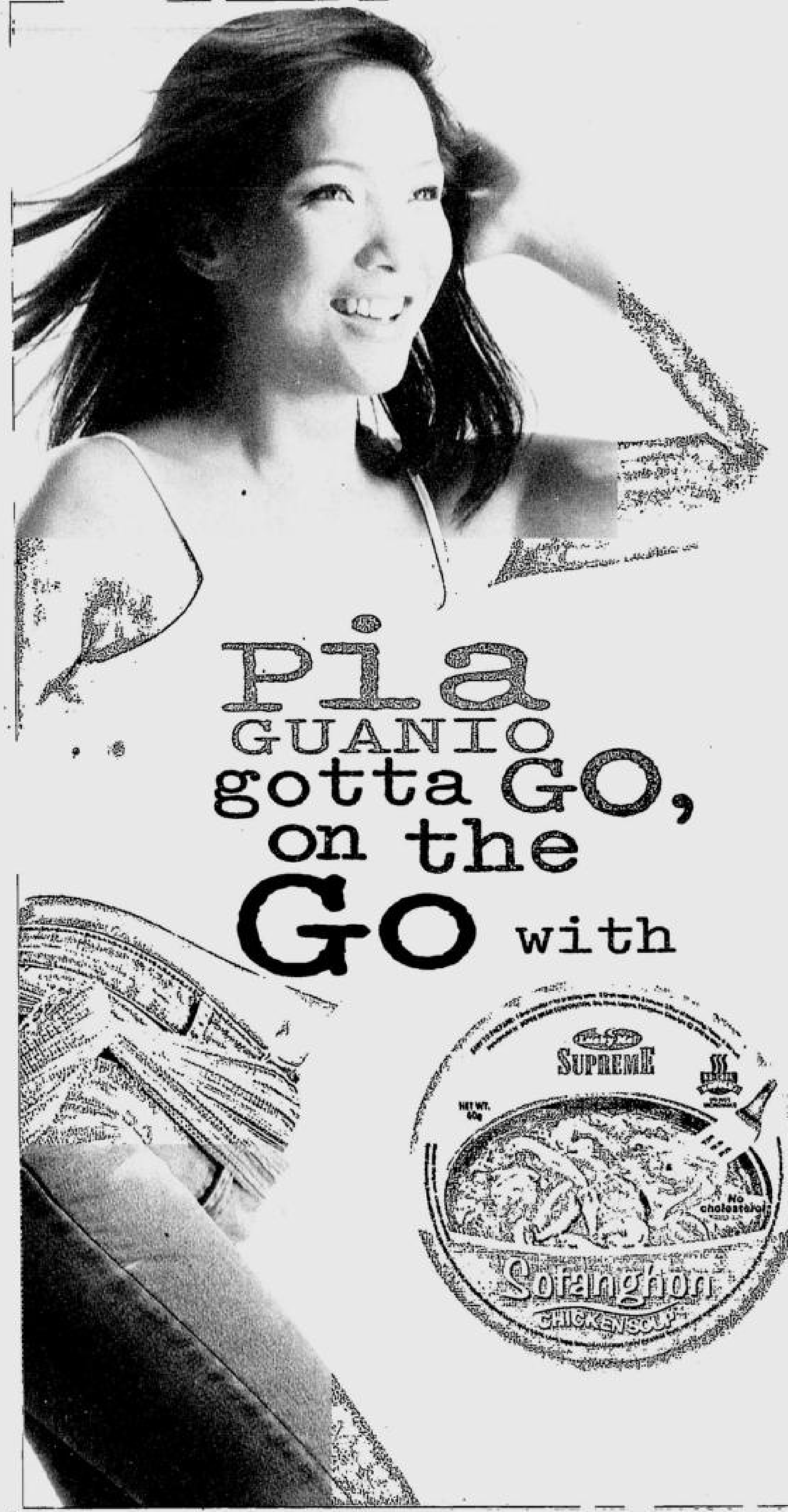

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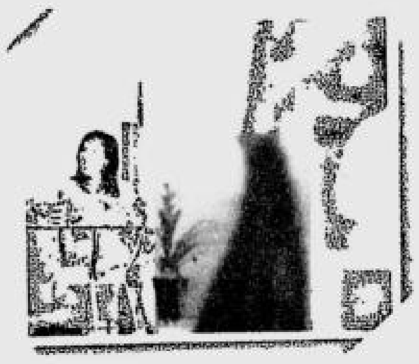

Wednesday
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Mamaya na make-up. Ang issue ko kasi with lipstick is you can't eat when you have it on. Time for a hot bowl of yummy Lucky Me! Supreme Sotanghon. Good thing it doesn't have any cholesterol so no guilt, no problem!

Thursday
12:00 pm

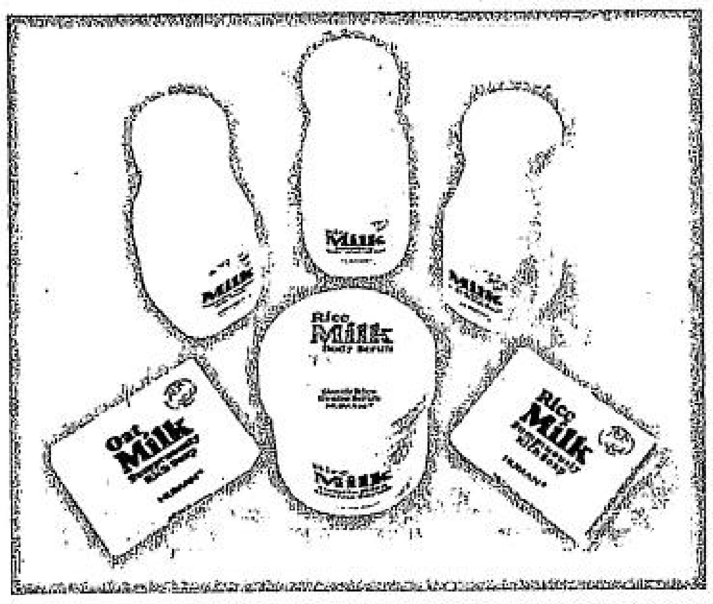
Taping Review Night through lunch. I can hear my stomach grumbling...another bowl of Lucky Me! Supreme Sotanghon? I can't wait!

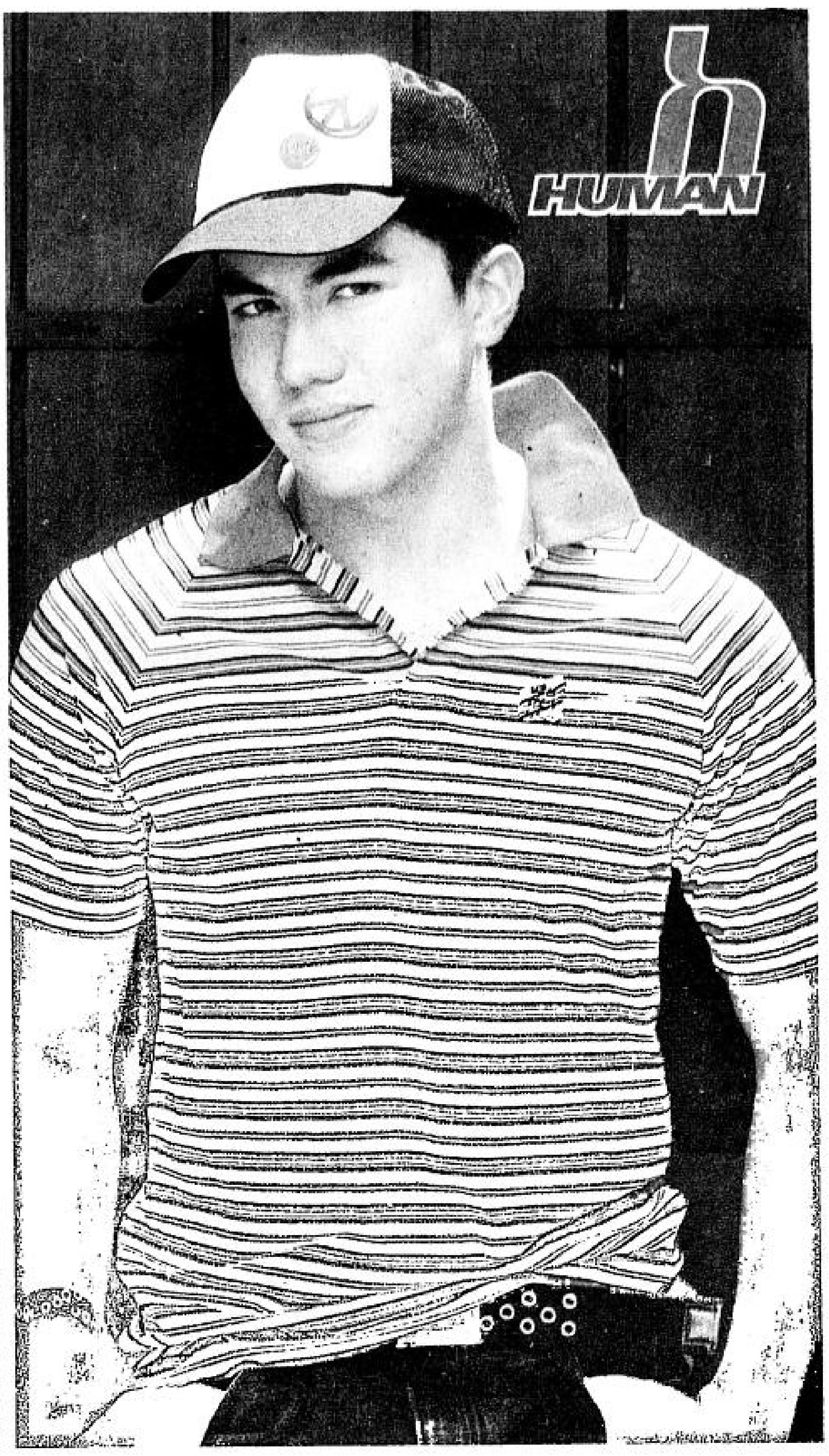
Friday
3:45 pm
I work out three times a week, a cardio-and-weights routine to give me that extra kick.

Saturday
9:15 pm

This is overtime? If I didn't have to do my hosting gigs in the evenings, siguro wala na akong social life!

Sunday
9:00 am
Weekends I spend at our family place in Cavite. It's accessible, comfy and it gives me enough nature to make believe I'm actually away. Siyempre, it's time for myself and time to indulge in my favorite Lucky Me! Supreme Sotanghon. Even angels have to eat, you know. Hahahaha...!





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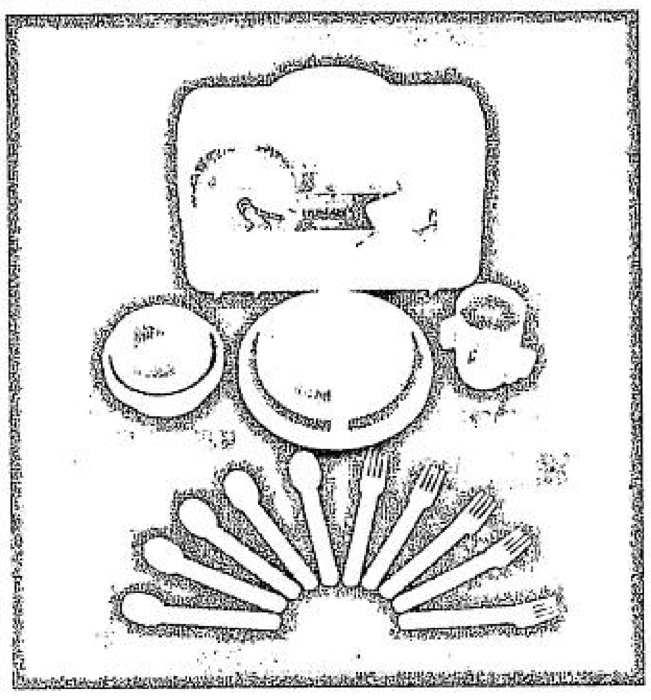

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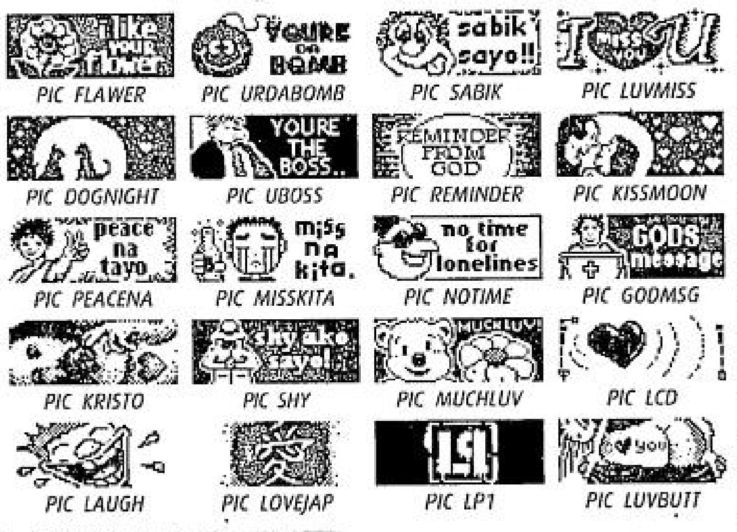

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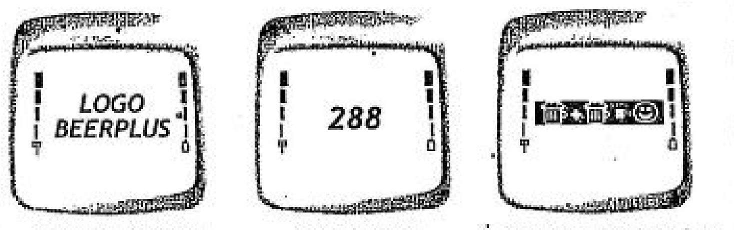

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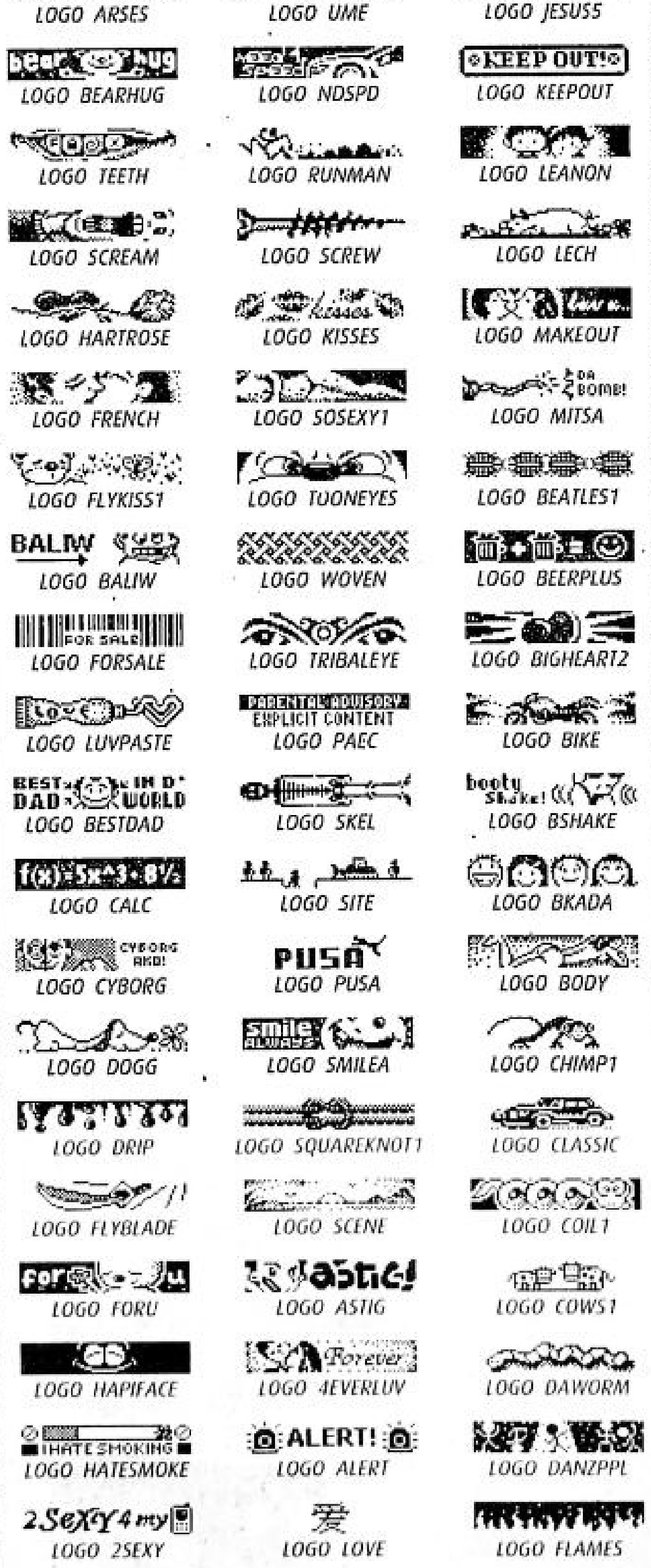

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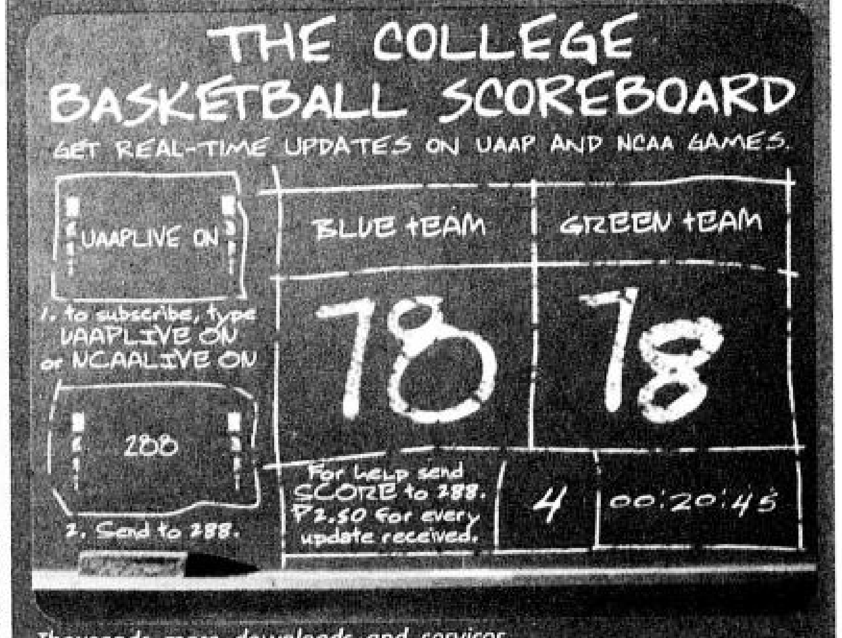
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Pearly white romance

NEWLYWEDS Mitsy and James Antolin

She's a dentist, he's a pastry chef. Together they make a sweet-toothy romance

By Maurice Arcache

DAHLINGS, pretty Mitsy Navales, a pediatric dentist, could not have been happier by beginning a new life and marrying James Antolin, a pastry chef from the chi-chi Four Seasons Hotel in Newport Beach.

Their love story began in September 1999 when James came home to Manila (it was his first vacation since leaving in 1983). Mitsy was introduced to James by her best pal, young dentist Vivian Ledesma, who was associated with society dentist Lucille Bernardo.

Afterwards, James would give her a buzz almost every day from Los Angeles. When Mitsy went to the US to attend a friend's wedding, James followed her back home and resided in Manille for a year. When they were on a vacation in Hawaii, before he was to go back to L.A., James popped the question to Mitsy.

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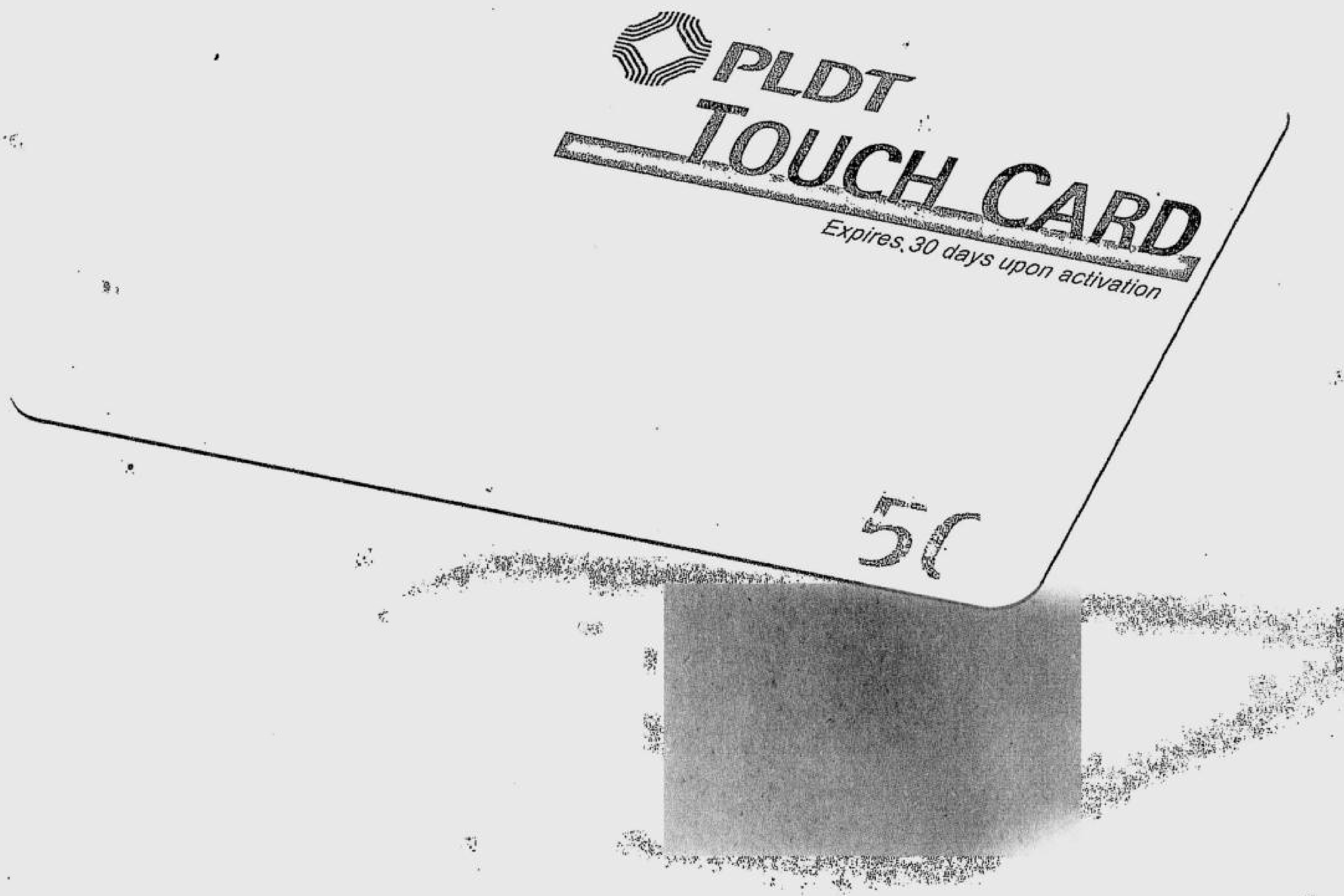

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Mother Francisca's beatification cause spawns miracles

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Josephine Darang

I DID not know when I was reading the miraculous healings interceded by Mother Francisca del Espiritu Santo that I would also need her help on July 16.

My brother, Pompeyo Darang Jr., just had a dialysis at National Kidney Center when he called me to say that he wanted to go home to Laoag and be with our mother until his dying moments. After all, he said, there was no cure to his kidney problem and he felt that he was going to die.

Apparently, he was suffering from so much pain, and the fact that his friends, Filomeno and Jennifer Balingcos, were taking care of him in their house in Pasig made him want to ease their burden and just go home.

Pompeyo, who worked with the Regional Trial Court in Makati as a court stenographer, lived in a boarding house.

After talking to him, I remember praying "Mother Francisca, please help my brother go home and want to live again." I also prayed to Mama Mary and all the saints, but I was always repeating my prayer to Mother Francisca.

When my brother Joe, my sister Donna, her friend Fely and Mang Eming, who drove the van of my brother Abe, arrived the following day to fetch Pompeyo, everybody was happy to hear him say that he would have dialysis first before going home to Laoag.

He is there now and is undergoing dialysis at Mariano Marcos Hospital in Batac. That, to me, is good news. Whatever is God's will, it is enough for us his family that he is back home and is in better spirits. He hopes to live a longer life.

Testimonies of healing submitted for the cause of beatification of Mother Francisca del Espiritu Santo, founder of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, include the healing of the heart ailment of Myrna F. Caño and the cancer of Primitivo Cabañero of Silay, Negros Occidental, as attested to by his daughter Elenita Cabañero.

Ceres Fuentes Reyes of Holy Trinity College in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, was also granted a baby girl, whom she named Katrina Siena. She also passed the licensure exams for librarians and won a house and lot in a raffle after she put the ticket in a prayer book.

The cause for the beatification of Mother Francisca was formally opened by Archbishop Leonardo Legaspi, O.P., last July 8 at 9 a.m. at the Sto. Domingo Church.

The church overflowed with people, mostly from Dominican schools. Former ambassador to the Vatican Tita de Villa and Bulacan Vice Governor Reli Plamenco opened the curtains covering the portrait of the would-be saint. Bishops and more than a hundred priests participated in the Holy Mass.

It was a joyous day for everyone who believed in the miraculous intercession of Mother Francisca. Since she founded the *beaterio* dedicated to St. Catherine of Siena on July 26, 1696, Mother Francisca's congregation has had 285 nuns spread all over the Philippines who are committed to education and spiritual formation.

Under the new name Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, the order now runs 31 schools, two hospitals, two free clinics, and five retreat houses and one dormitory.

For prayer *estampitas*, write to Sta. Catalina Convent at 127 Sta. Catalina St., 1114 Quezon City. For testimonies on healing, write to the Mother Francisca Commission at the same address.

Sr. Dolores Cornejo

Sr. Dolores Cornejo of the Daughters of Charity marked her Golden Jubilee as a nun last July 20 in Naga City.

Approximately 500 people attended the celebration headed by Bishop Jose Sorra, who officiated the Mass, which was concelebrated with Fr. Serafin Peralta; Sister Dolly's elder brother Fr. Vicente Cornejo and a dozen priests.

Sister Dolly is the administrator of Mother Seton Hospital in Naga, where she served many years first as a nurse who touched the lives of many people with her kindness and nursing wisdom.

Ma. Corazon Torres y Javier

When Ma. Corazon Torres y Javier was only 25 years old and studying in Madrid, she suffered from cerebral aneurysm and died. When fully convinced that their daughter was brain-dead, her parents, Vicente and Juanita Torres, agreed to donate her two kidneys, liver and heart to four patients who needed these organs in order to live.

Thus, four people lived to have their dreams come true. That was on June 22, 1990.

Today, the Ma. Corazon Torres y Javier Organ Transplant Foundation has helped a lot of people gain access to kidney transplants through cheaper costs that are supported by donations.

Should you wish to prolong a life, please give to the foundation through the National Kidney and Transplant Institute on East Avenue, Quezon City. Call 924-3601 local 3119 and ask for Nessa.

Renewal Congress in Rome

Registration for the Charismatic Renewal Congress in Rome has been extended to Aug. 8, according to Catholic Travel. The itinerary also includes trips to St. Padre Pio Shrine, Sta. Philomena, St. Anthony de Padua, St. Francis of Assisi, Lourdes, Fatima in Portugal, St. Michael the Archangel Shrine, Lanciano and Blessed Margaret Castello and Loreto.

Fr. Ranero Cantalamessa, confessor of the Pope, will give a lecture. Those interested can call Catholic Travel at 524-2888 or text Elenita Grande at 0916-3452793.

Pagayaya fest in Intramuros

Region 2 joins Wow Philippines in the "Pagayaya Festival" on Aug. 3-15 in Intramuros.

The highlight of the event is the Holy Mass in honor of Our Lady of Piat on Aug. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Clam Shell area. Archbishop Talamayan will celebrate the Mass. Devotees are invited.

On Aug. 16, the image will be moved to the Financial Center, venue of the Marian Exhibit.

God the Father

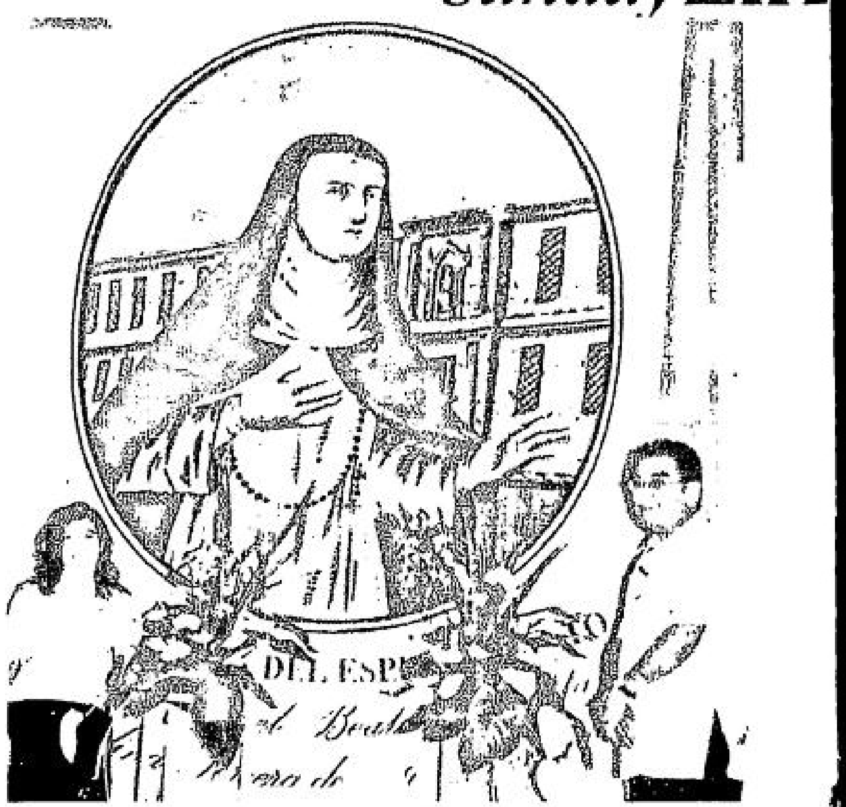
God our Father will be honored with a grand celebration on Aug. 3, commencing at 3 p.m. Featured will be a parade of 10 floats that will depict the Scriptural history of the salvation of all mankind.

From the Quirino (Luneta) Grandstand, the parade will proceed toward Baclaran Church in Parañaque then back to the Luneta grandstand, where a prayer rally and Holy Mass will be held.

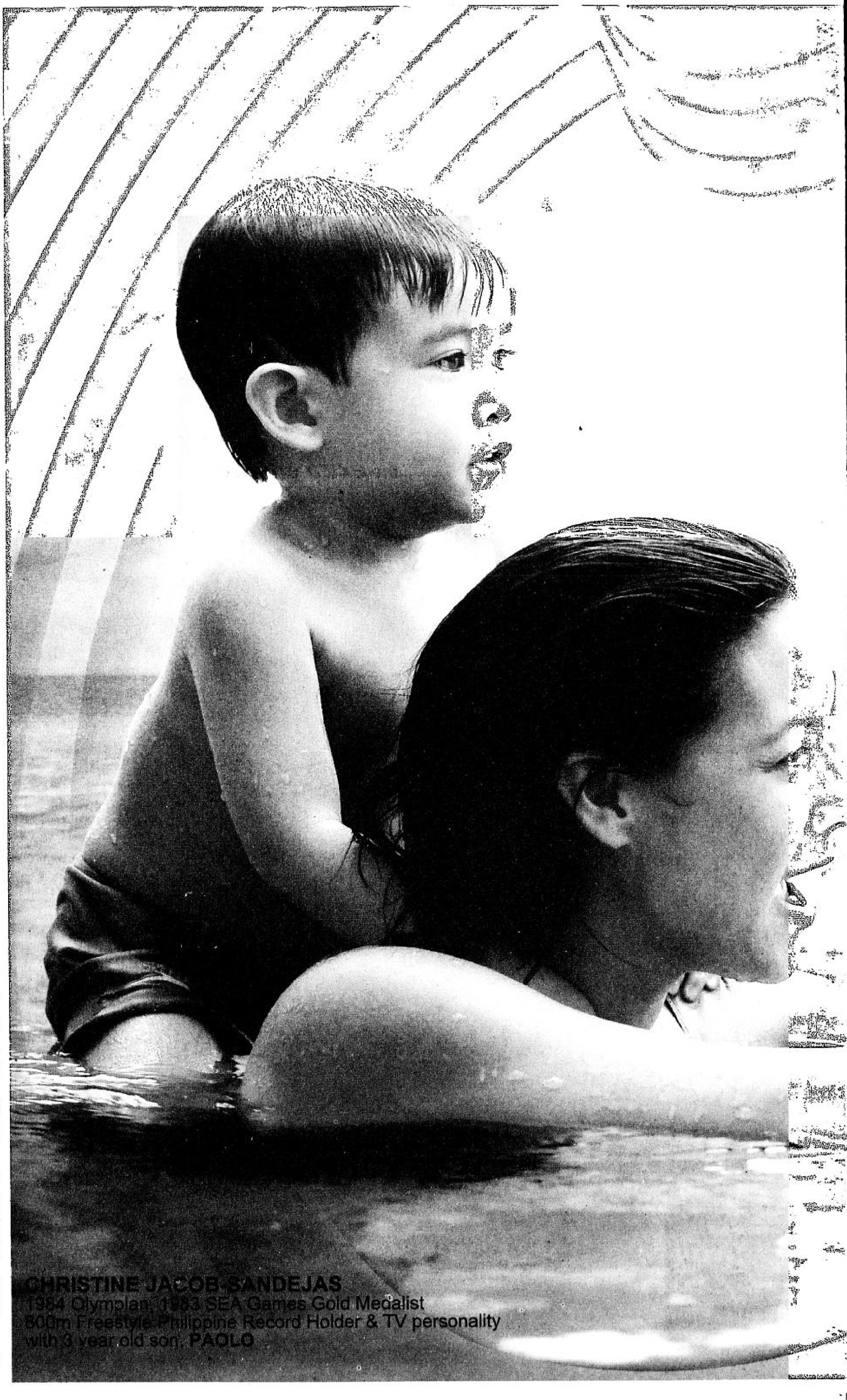
Participants will include different religious groups in Metro Manila like El Shaddai, Jesus is Lord Movement and Couples for Christ. Marian devotees, charismatic groups, marginalized members of society, indigenous groups and Muslims are also invited.

Goodbye, Rod Dula

A dear friend, Rod Dula, passed away on July 21 from a massive heart attack. He was larger than life. He used to call me "Josefina la Catolica" because of the work I am doing. He inspired me to continue because he himself was a deeply devout Catholic who had been a Benedictine monk when he was younger. Now, he has gone to join God. Pray for us, Rod, that we may continue to be good.



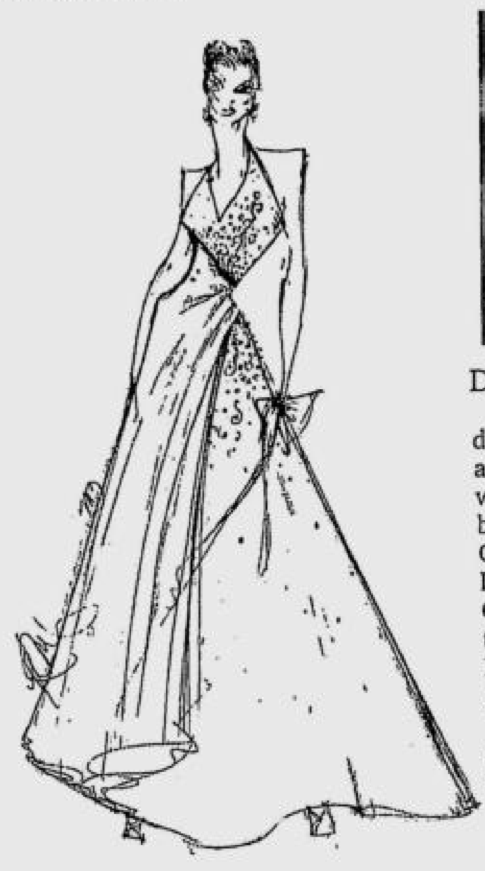
FORMER ambassador Tita de Villa and Bulacan vice governor Reli Plamenco with the portrait of Mother Francisca del Espiritu Santo



CHRISTINE JACOB-SANDEJAS
1984 Olympian, 1983 SEA Games Gold Medalist
800m Freestyle Philippine Record Holder & TV personality
with 3 year old son, PAOLO

Milestones

We're accepting announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least two weeks before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.



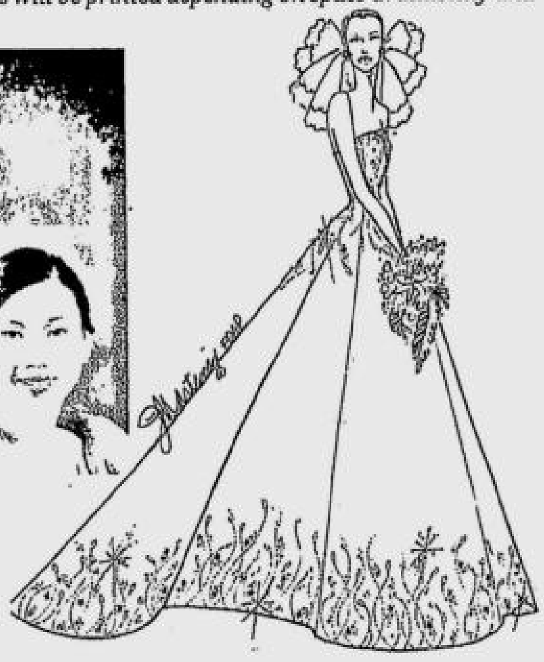
DELA VEGA DEBUT

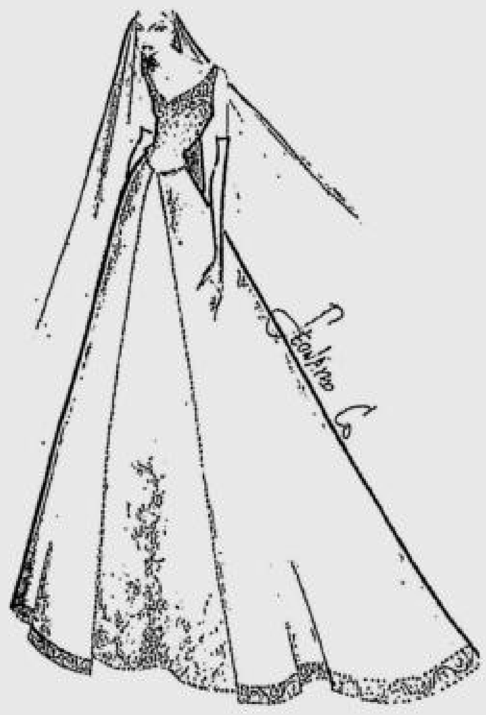
Sheila M. dela Vega, daughter of **Gil dela Vega** and **Zenaida Malana,** will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 10 at Citta Italia Clubhouse, Imus, Cavite. **Christian Gil dela Vega** will escort the debutante. **Paul Rex Mateo** designed the gown.

Sheila is a second year college student at De La Salle University taking up BS Human Biology.

CLEMENTE-DE LA ROSA

Clemente M. Clemente, son of Atty. **Domingo** and **Merly Clemente,** tied the knot with **Ma. Johanna De La Rosa,** daughter of **Hilarion** and **Rosalina De La Rosa,** on July 4 at Parish of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The bride wore a **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** creation in off-white duchess satin. Reception followed at Annabel's Restaurant.





ROQUE-ROXAS

Angeline Roxas, daughter of **Peter** and **Glory Roxas,** married **Robin Roque,** son of **Maximo** and **Consuelo Roque,** last June 30 at National Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Makati. Angeline wore a **Leonard Co** creation of ecru duchess sateen that overlapped a front open skirt fully beaded in dainty floral patterns beads in crystals, nakar and pearls.

VITAL-LARAYA

Vincent Vital and **Marie Leola Laraya** tied the knot last June 6 at Caleruega, Nasugbu, Batangas. Reception was held at Tagaytay Midlands Veranda, Tagaytay Highlands. Vincent is the elder child of **Victor** and **Victoria Vital.** Marla is the youngest child of **Jose Ben** and **Nieva Marie Laraya.**

CABRERA-ABAO

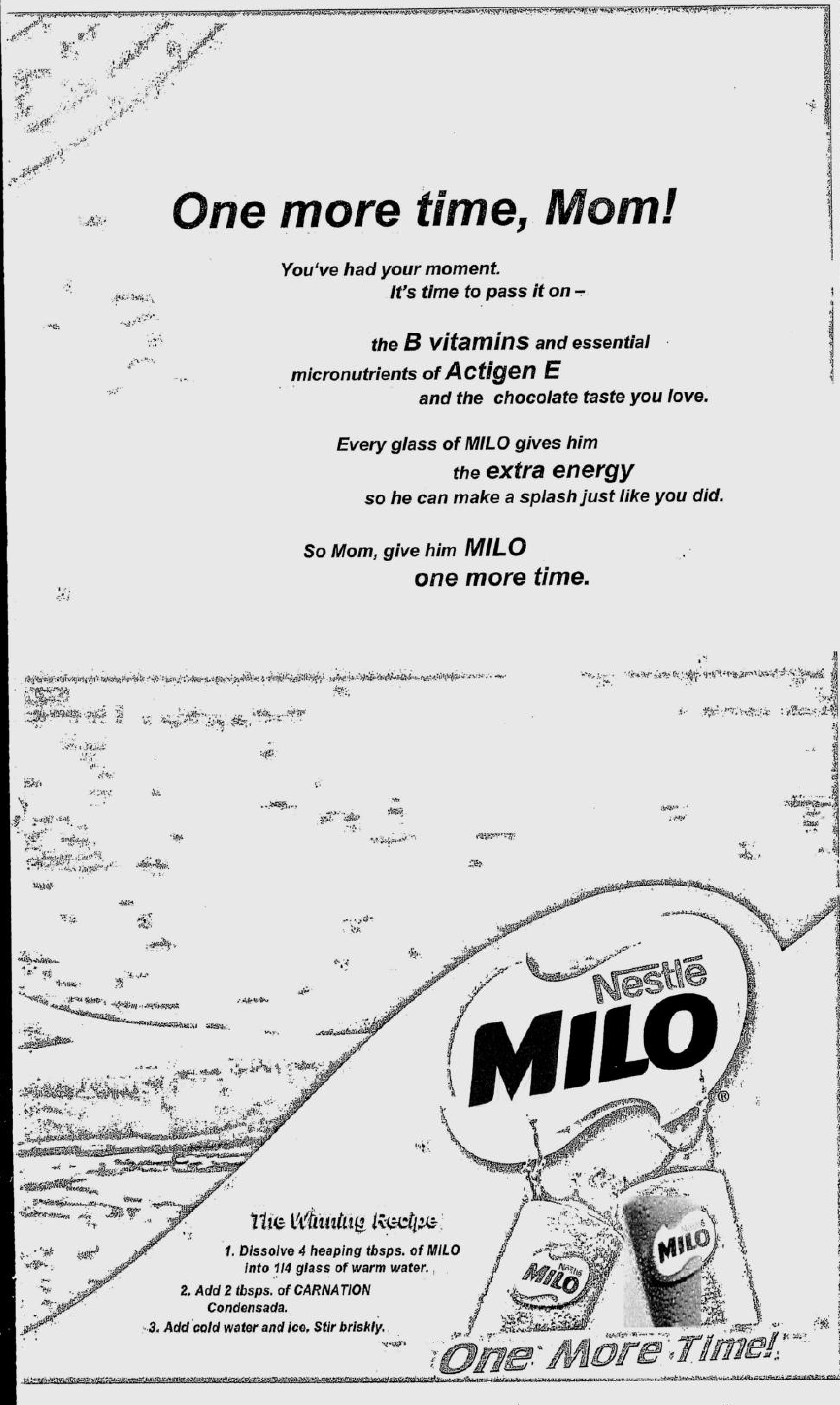
P-Jun V. Cabrera, son of Col. **Porferio P. Cabrera** and **Gloria V. Cabrera,** and **Honey Z. Abao,** daughter of Col. **Rodolfo V. Abao** and **Dina Z. Abao** tied the knot last June 7 at St. Michael Church, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City. The reception was held at New Officer's Club House, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City. The bride's gown was designed by **Flory Urian.**

CHUA-LEE

Richard Chua, son of Mrs. **Soledad Chua,** married **Jennifer Lee,** daughter of **Lee Sey Din** and **Tan Suet Bee,** last June 22 at Manila Cathedral. Jen wore a strapless princess-cut gown in ecru duchess satin by **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** of Galatea. Reception followed at Peking Garden Restaurant in Glorietta.

CEREZO DEBUT

Madel Cerezo recently celebrated her 18th birthday at Ballroom 3 of Dusit Hotel Nikko. She is a La Salle student and the eldest of Engineer **Guillermo B. Cerezo,** who is based in London, England.



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Pearly white romance

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The love story culminated in a gorgeous California mansion, with a magical view of the Pacific Ocean, which was superbly coordinated by the Four Seasons Hotel, no less, *palanggas*. The clubhouse at the Pelican Hill Gold and Country Club in Newport Beach, California, became the venue for the wedding and the reception.

Mitsy looked radiant as she walked down the aisle in a gorgeous gown made of exquisite Thai silk and beaded with Swarovski crystals, designed by our very own Randy Ortiz. Her mother, Rose Navales, sang "The Prayer" with singer and composer Lito Villareal.

Mitsy was escorted by her 80-year-old grandfather, Vicente Navales. It was an emotional and happy finale as the couple's pals and famille who jetted in from Manille, Paris, Japan, Hawaii, and other parts of the US, watched James and Mitsy exchanged their "I do's" in a Christian ceremony officiated by Pastor Dondi Quema.

THE BRIDE with brother Paolo Campos and mom Rosemarie Navales

ALEX VAN HAGEN

Romantic glow

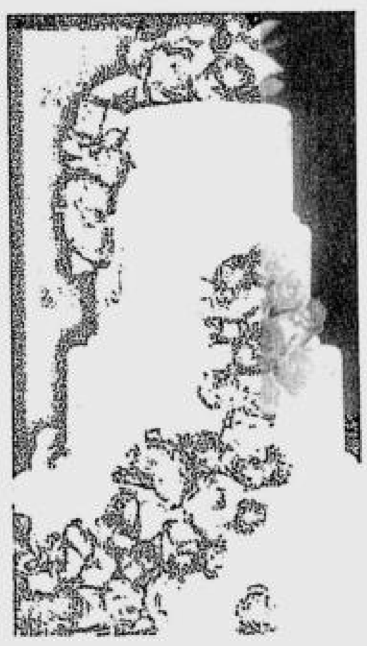
When the wedding was over, it was party time. There was an open bar that had booze flowing endlessly before the grand reception at the clubhouse ballroom. Vibrant arrangements of red, yellow and orange roses on glass tower centerpieces topped each table, done by Razak Aman of Occasionally Yours (he does the parties of several Hollywood stars). The centerpieces created a warm, romantic glow.

WITH THE GROOM'S family: (top, from left) Paul and Jun Antolin; Violy Antolin, Sal de Joya and Eric Coronel; (bottom) Pepi and Annette Antolin, Stephen and Philip Coronel, Angel Coronel

The spectacular dessert buffet floral arrangement was done by Annette Antolin and Julius Palacio of LA Premier.

Guests dined on the excellent menu of spiced corn chowder with smoked shrimp, and gorgonzola cheese with roasted pecan vinaigrette. Fillet mignon with roasted shallot sauce plus macadamia nut-crusted halibut was the main course. The meal ended with a sumptuous dessert buffet.

A special wedding toast was given by the maid of honor, who played Cupid to the pair, Dr. Vivian Ledesma, and best men Raymund Robles and Rene Arbolado. A speech was also given by the Four Seasons chef Michael Pietnon and Mitsy's pal from Japan, Noriko Watanabe. The wedding program was hosted by former movie star Patrick Guzman and Tina Ryan, also a former disc jockey of DWTM.



JAMES' brother and Oracle Group's Paul Antolin and wife Pepi

Dance time had the Legacy band sending the guests to the dance floor and rocking till 2 a.m.

The next day, Mitsy and her husband James slipped out of the Four Seasons and jetted off to Maui for the first part of their honeymoon. Then they went to Paris and Sweden later.

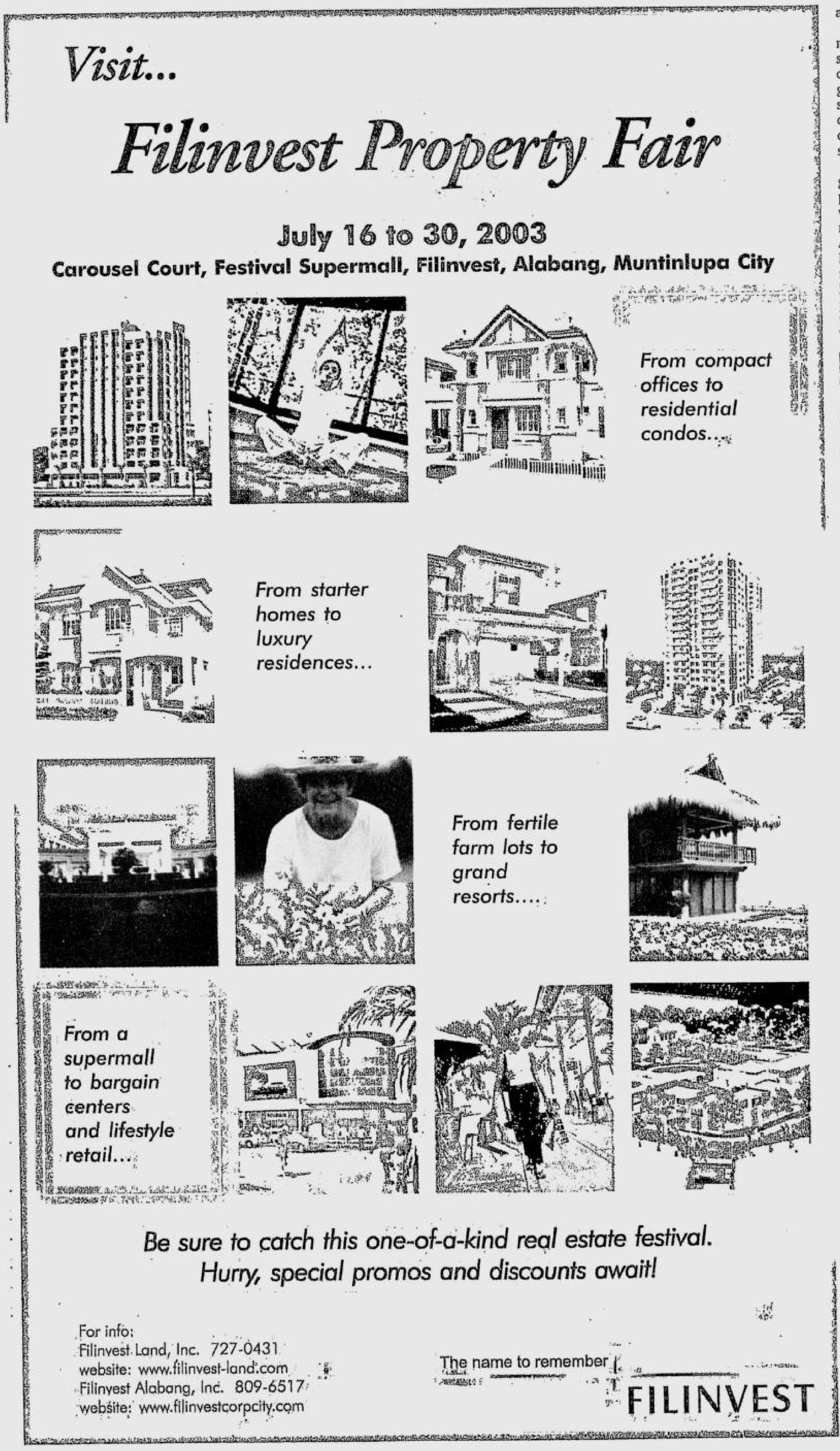
A happy ending, after a three-year long-distance courtship for Mr. and Ms James Antolin, who are now based in California where Mitsy will set up her dental practice.

Cheers, *palanggas*.

INTERNATIONAL bowler and frequent Manille visitor Graham Alen with the groom's sister Anette Antolin

MAID of honor Vivian Ledesma

TOP, from left: Kiyo Tochimoto, Vivian Ledesma, Mitsy, Vanessa Abrea and Joy de Jesus; bottom: Noriko Murase, Vicky Namihas, flower girl Gia Santos and Yoshiko Kiton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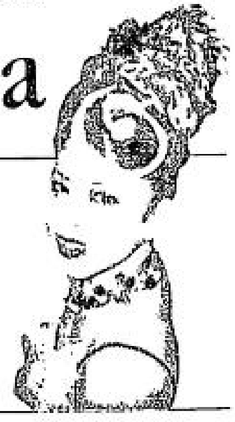


TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

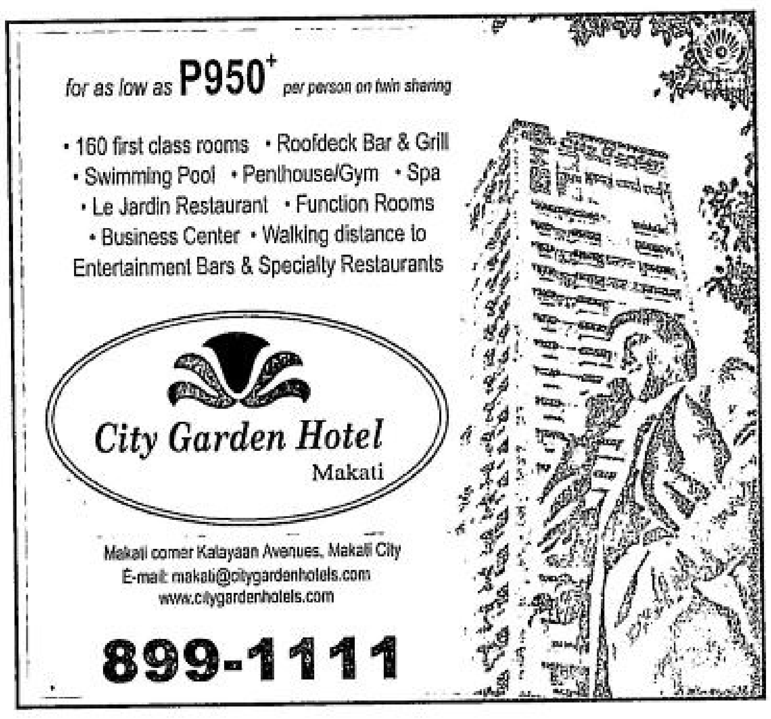
I MIGHT have lost to Secret Lover after a day in the race tracks, but I have found a huge crush—not secret—in the Great Taulava. I imagine my children with him would be tall and would have funky hair color

I have fond childhood memories of going to San Lazaro Hippodrome. We used to spend certain Sundays there to watch the horses race and we would sneak in a bet or two with the runner based on tips of the horse trainer.

We were not even allowed in the betting stations, but we would get into the action watching from the stable area.

Do you know why horse flies are called as such? Well, hanging out in the stables will explain why. There were so many of them around feasting on the food at the quarters overlooking

HORSING/ F2



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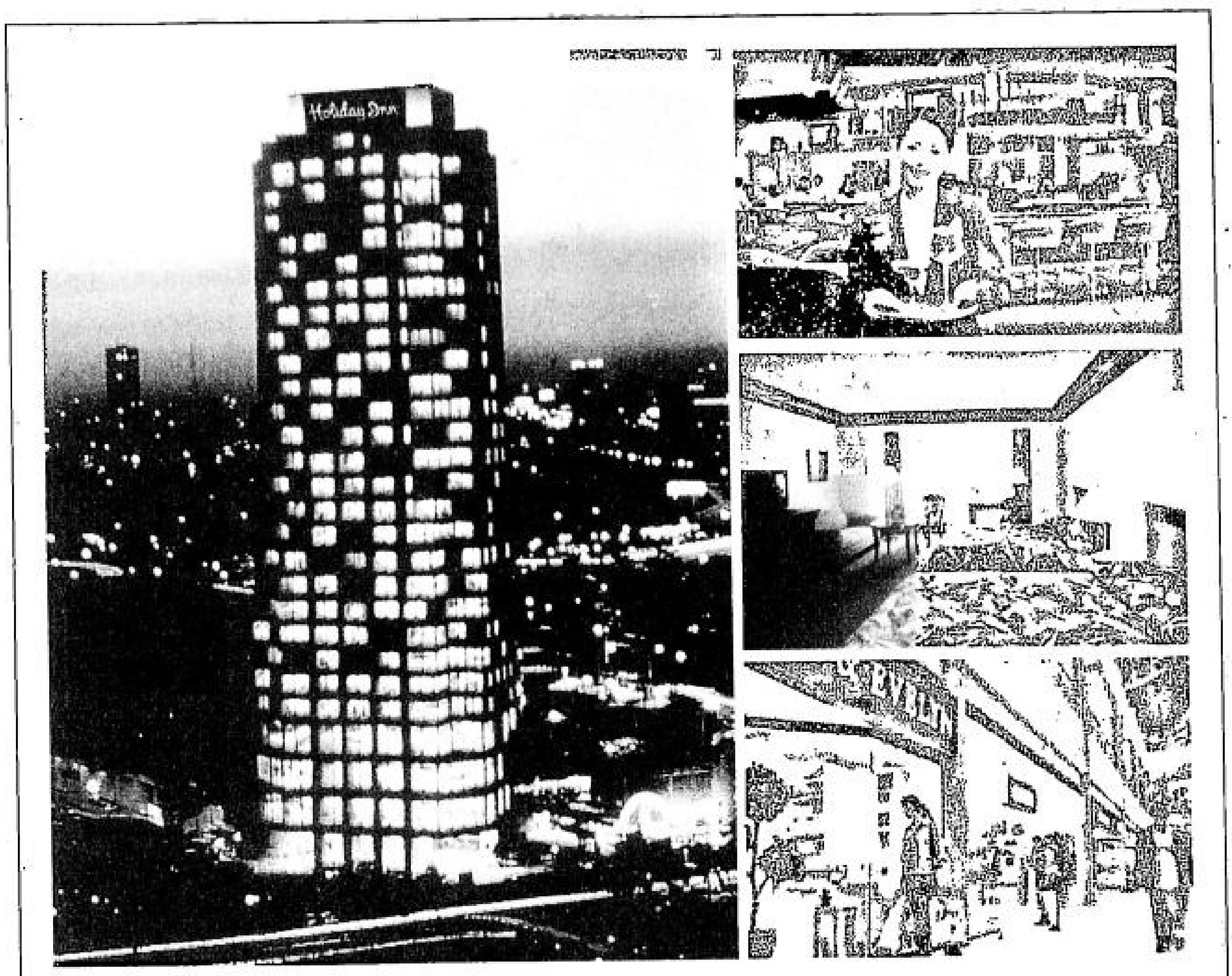

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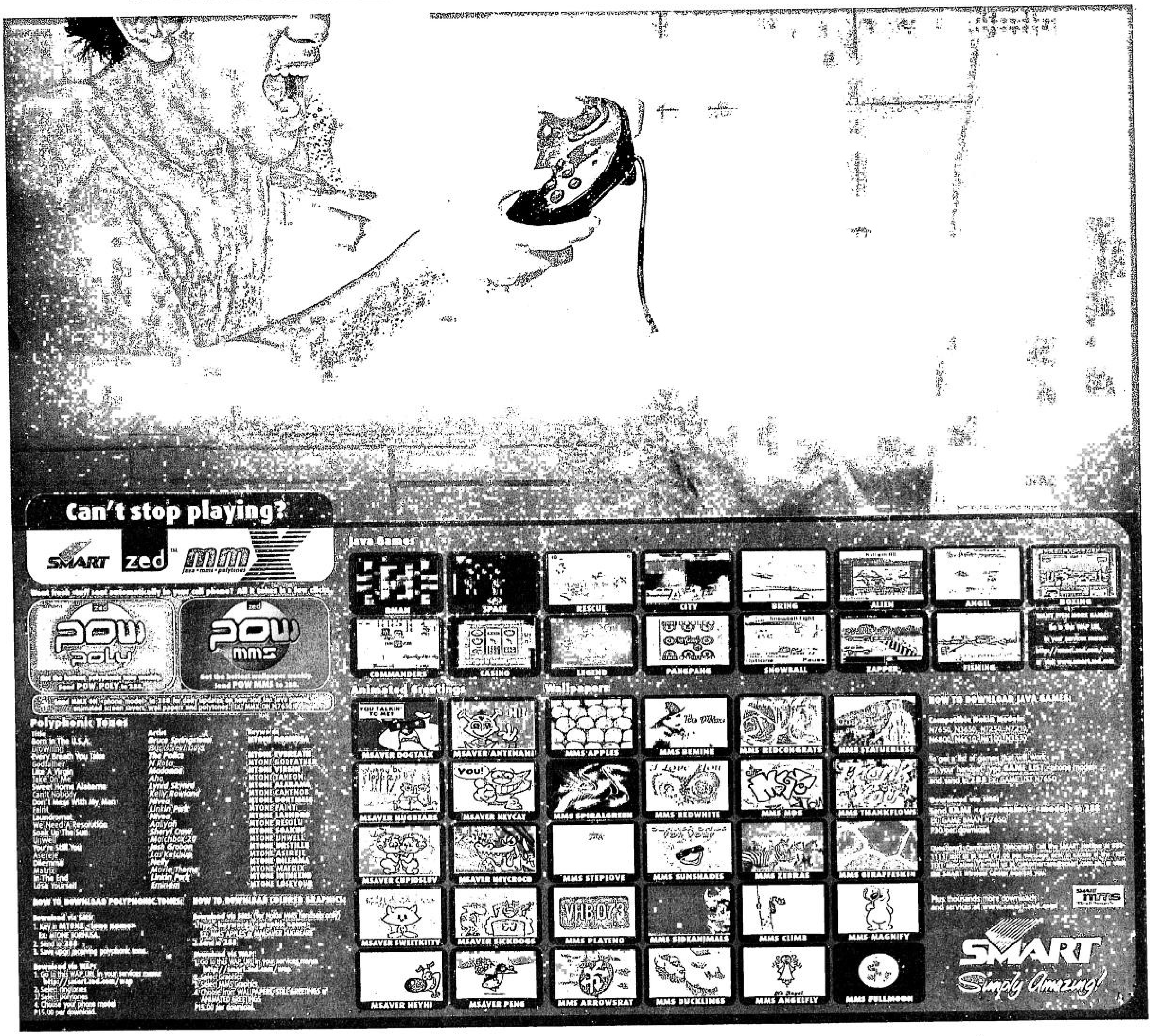

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AT MARGE'S big show, Miguel Pastor, Juan Miguel Ongsiako an Ben Chan

NUVO FRIENDS. Susan Reyes, Conrad Onglao and Josephine Knox

Horsing around with Asi Taulava

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the tracks where we would pass the time between races. These flies are to horses what clown fish are to anemone.

Maybe that's why I turned vegetarian.

My uncle **Vic Diaz**, then a popular *kontrabida* action star (who often played the role of a Japanese general during World War II who would force himself on native women), would call the whole race in his commanding voice. I can still hear him bellow, "There they go..."

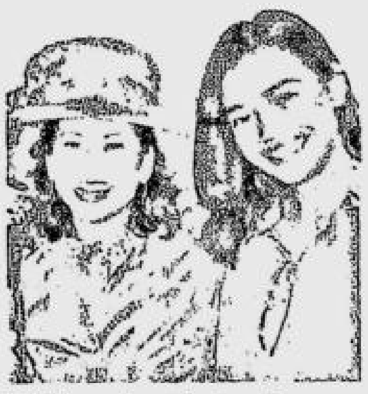
So when my party buddy **Patrick Reyno** asked me to attend the Jaime V. Ongpin Cup Triple Crown Championship in the new San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite, I gladly obliged. Apparently, Patrick has a day job! His title alone is a mouthful: director of business development and planning, Manila Jockey Club.

Quite amazing for someone who parties as hard as he does? Not at all, because beneath the partyphile façade, Patrick is a Harvard grad who is as adept at marketing as he is at mixing a vodka martini.

I told Patrick I would grace the event sporting my Ascot hat and parade it in the tracks. I was excited because now I'm old enough to legally bet, although I have completely forgotten how the trifecta-etcetera system works.

The new hippodrome is huge. I actually hosted its launch last year with **Toni Leviste** and **Tim Yap**. It was impressive to see the development the new Manila Jockey Club has completed so far. Although still a work in progress, with its target opening date at the end of the year, the place already has the makings of an excellent facility.

Needless to say, I missed the big race, since I arrived late. My tita **Maribel Ongpin**, widow of the late **Jimmy O**, was just awarding the winning horse, jockey and owner. Her son, erstwhile broadcaster-guitarist-actor **Apa Ongpin**, was beside her.



WITH my Ascot hat , and newscaster Vicky Morales-Reyno

Since I was already there, I quickly got into the betting mode. My yoga classmate (who, to my surprise, is also a doctor), **Daffy Morales**, was also figuring out how the betting system works. In the end, it was legal eagle **King Reyno** who explained the odds as his wife, **Vicky Morales**, and I tried our luck.

WEST Bound wi... the 2003 J.V. Ongpin Cup with champ jockey Jeffril T. Zarate

As in any form of gambling, one must remember that The House always wins. That said, the *karera* is just a fun way to pass the afternoon, and since the betting can start as low as P10, it is quite affordable. If it's any consolation to the losing bettors, they can also remember that much of the proceeds of the *karera* goes to charity.

So, armed with the Dividendazo, the official race program sheet, I chose my winning 1-2 entry based solely on their names. Namaste (a yoga term which sort of means "peace be with you") and Tatler Cover (in honor of editor **Anton San Diego**, a dear friend) were my choices to "place and show."

Unfortunately, the winner was Secret Lover. With that name, I should have known that the Secret Lover always wins.

I shall surely be back when the tracks are done to gain back my P10 loss! I also fancy the jockey outfits, so I might just get some inspiration for my next look.

My hair down

Lately, I have been asked to judge events instead of competing. It feels like event organizers don't want me to win or they want others to have a good shot at the contest, so they have "unwittingly" elevated me to some sort of Wigs and Costumes Hall of Fame.

One such event was the recently completed Wella Trend Vision Award 2003.

This was a hairstyling competition among the young stylists of all salons in the country, with the winning team getting to represent the country in the international competition in Berlin, Germany.

Not to be outdone by the entrants, I headed to my second home, Emphasis Salon, where I was transformed into a real showpiece by makeup guru **Victor Ortega** and master hairstylist **Danny Katalbas**. Isn't this such a TV hostess line? "I'd like to thank Danny for my hair and Victor for my makeup..."

Both Victor and Danny skillfully integrated hair color chart samples into my hair piece and made swirls out of hair extensions in shades from blonde to teal. The outcome, together with my **Patrice Ramos-Diaz** multi-layered gown, just blew the other entries away, Harurot-style. At least that's what I'd like to think, since I couldn't win!

My fellow judges, **Lala Flores** and **Pin Antonio**, both experts in the hair and beauty field, coached me on the technical side of the competition. **Joe Salazar**, on the other hand, judged based on his creative eye. But deep down, I wished I could have been an entry, although technically both my stylists were past the 30-year-old age limit.

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JEWELED friends Wynn-wynn Ong and Firma Makati's Ricky Toledo

After awarding the runners-up, **Michael Llanto** and **Teejay Payongayong** of Hairbytes Forbes, I had to quickly rush to MyCinema, Greenbelt where **Virgie Ramos** was hosting a private movie screening of "Terminator 3." Planned just two days before the screening (yes, VSR is a fast mover), I was to open the "T3" movie with a phone patch with **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. It all seemed so real, with Arnold even calling me "Sea Princess." Thanks to cutie director **Rowell Santiago** and his tech guy, the spiel went well, although I was caught off guard with that awful bombs-away ending, which caused me to forget all my lines for the post-movie dialogue.

Since I am totally not a basketball fanatic, I mispronounced the names of all the players present. But I now have a huge (more like tall) crush on **Asi Taulava**. He is actually what I need if I want to have tall kids. And I can imagine these infants will all be born with funky hair color. Maybe in my next life our paths will cross and I will be Asi's "Terminatrix."

I should have sat in the last row with him and the rest of the Talk 'N' Text team because my hairdo was Marge-Simpson-high that poor Tim Yap, seated behind me, only saw half the movie. But Asi is so tall that even with my beehive hair and five-inch heels, he is still a whole head taller than me.

I just had to focus on my other assets like charm and grace to get the attention of Tita Virgie as I looked at the new Swatch Bijoux collection.

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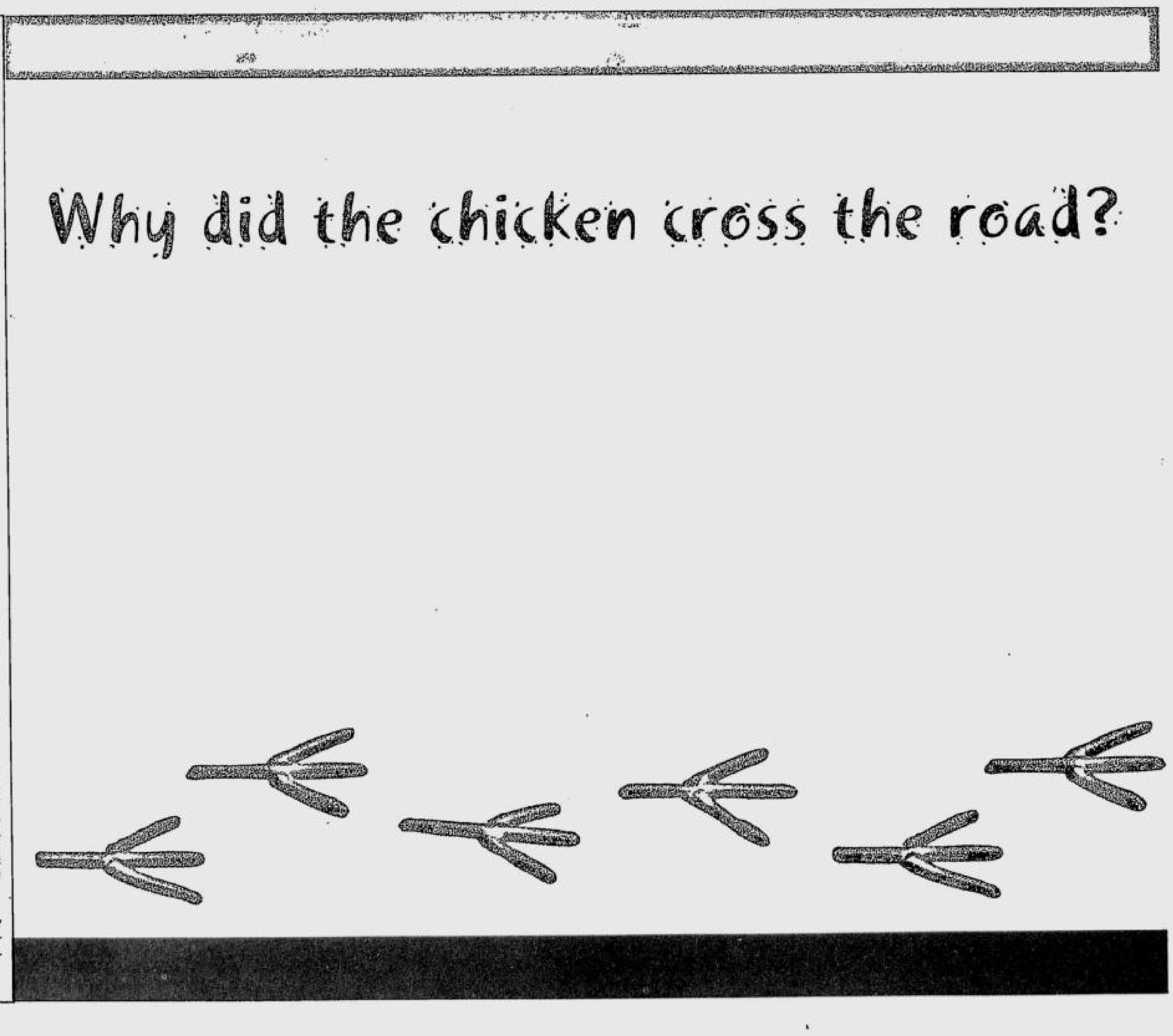
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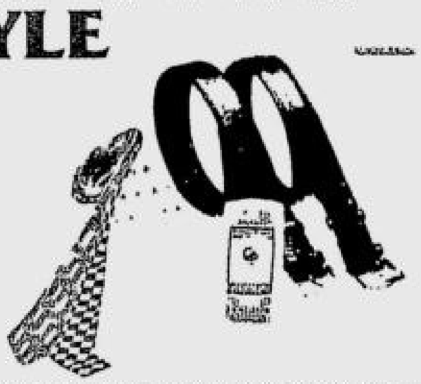

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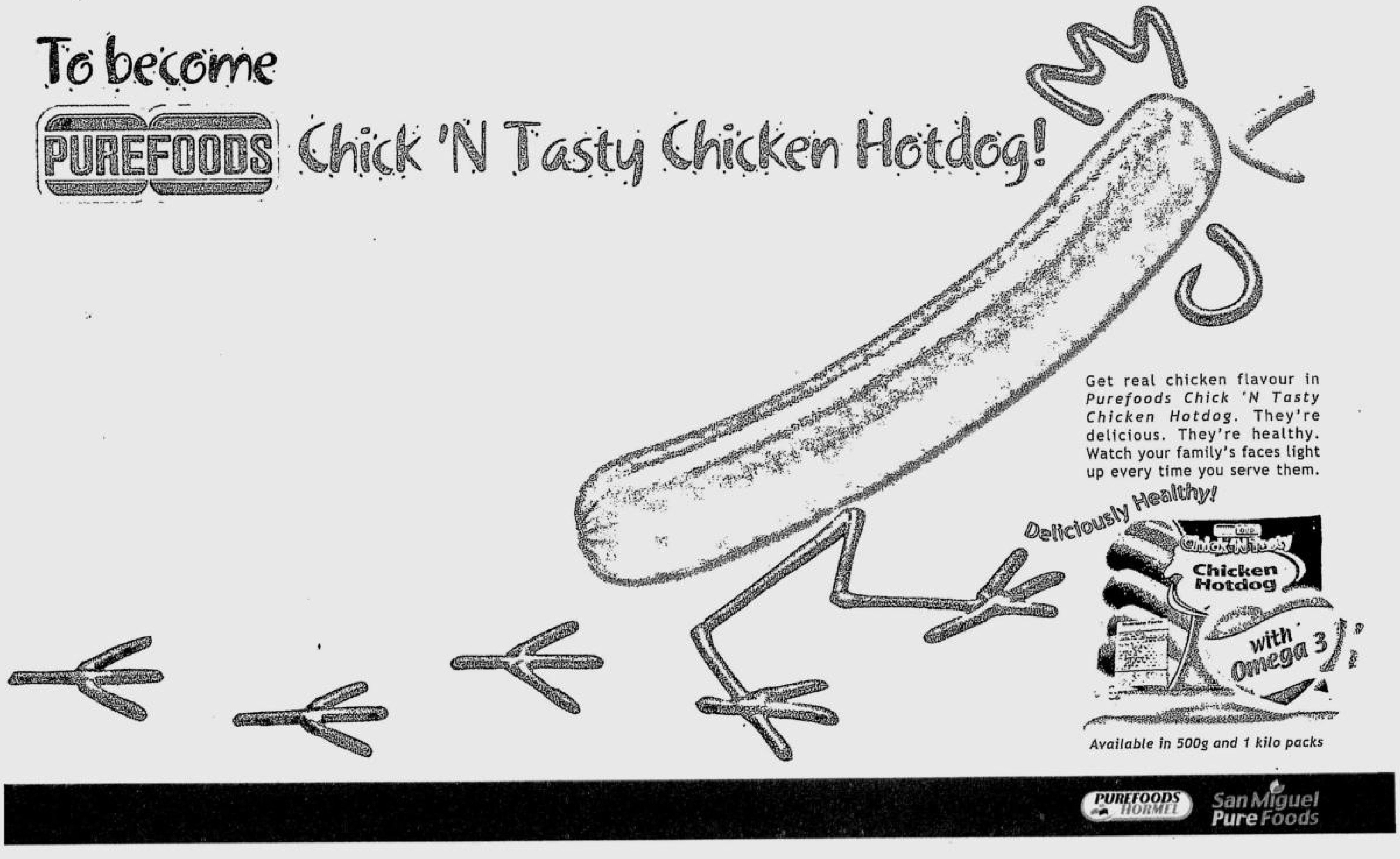

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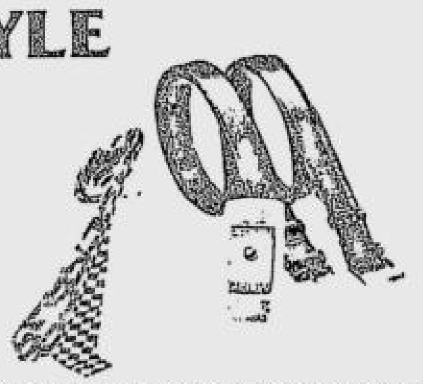

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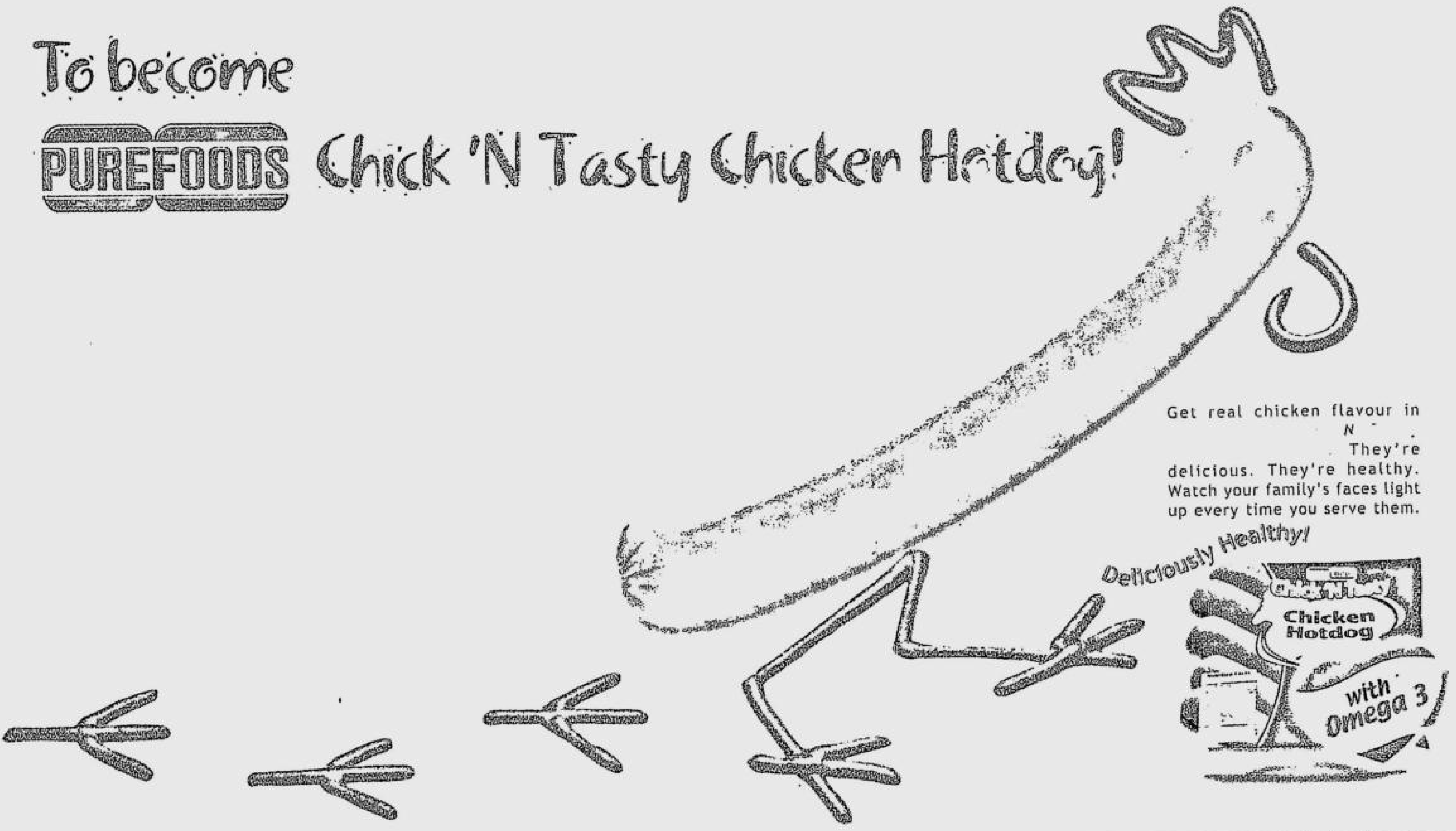

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WHO'S got the best 'do? Sea Princess is No. 9 among the Top 10 entries.

FELLOW JUDGES. Celeste Tuviera, Jude Hipolito, Joe Salazar, Lala Flores and Pin Antonio

WOMAN of style and form: Grace Nono

ART RULES. Rock Drilon

MAGNETIC personalities: ABS-CBN bigwigs Freddie Garcia and Gabby Lopez with Mag:net's Ces Drilon

Horsing around with Asi Taulava

NUVO Man of the Night Louie Ysmael with Preview's stylish lister Celine Lopez

FRIENDS of Ces, Ronnie Olalia and Dong Puno

From page F2

She told me that she had planned to also show them in the next MyCinema event. It would be the screening of "Lizzie McGuire," but I was not invited.

It was my five-year-old daughter **Annika**'s turn to be in the limelight. I could not believe she had an event that afternoon and I didn't. Time does fly so fast.

One-woman show

Élan's **Marge Enriquez** performed her annual one-woman show at Onstage in Greenbelt. I am always fascinated with her performances because she gives so much insight into life through dance and poetry. One feels so enlightened and peaceful right after.

Joe Salazar made her a wonderful billowy yellow outfit which looked like she was dancing in a field of sunflowers. Matched with **Patrick Rosas**' makeup, I am so inspired to think of an occasion to recreate that look.

TERMINATOR CHICS. Swatch queen Virgie Ramos and L'Oreal's Leica Carpo

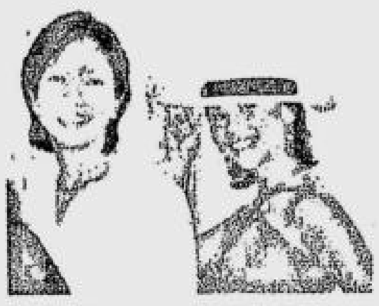
Magnetic events

That same eve was a night of triples. There was the three-in-one event featuring the opening of **Rock** and **Ces Drilon**'s Mag:net Gallery in Makati, the 41st birthday celebration of Ces and the opening of Rock's latest exhibit. Located in the lobby of the IBM building, the Makati branch opening was graced by the ABS-CBN family of Ces and the artsy world friends of Rock. When I bumped into **Ben Chan** and **Miguel Pastor** in Mag:net after seeing them at Onstage, I knew we were all triple-booked that evening.

After mingling with my type of crowd (i.e. very eccentric), L'Oreal's **Leica Carpo** and Paul Smith's **Juan Miguel Ongsiako** pulled me to Event No. 3—the first anniversary of Nuvo in Greenbelt 2. **Louie Ysmael** hosted a press dinner before the big open house party later that evening. **Dennis**, my husband, was the only one on time while everyone else trickled in past 9.

BACHELOR no more. Dudo Vaca flanked by Janine de Asis and Vicky Perez de Tagle

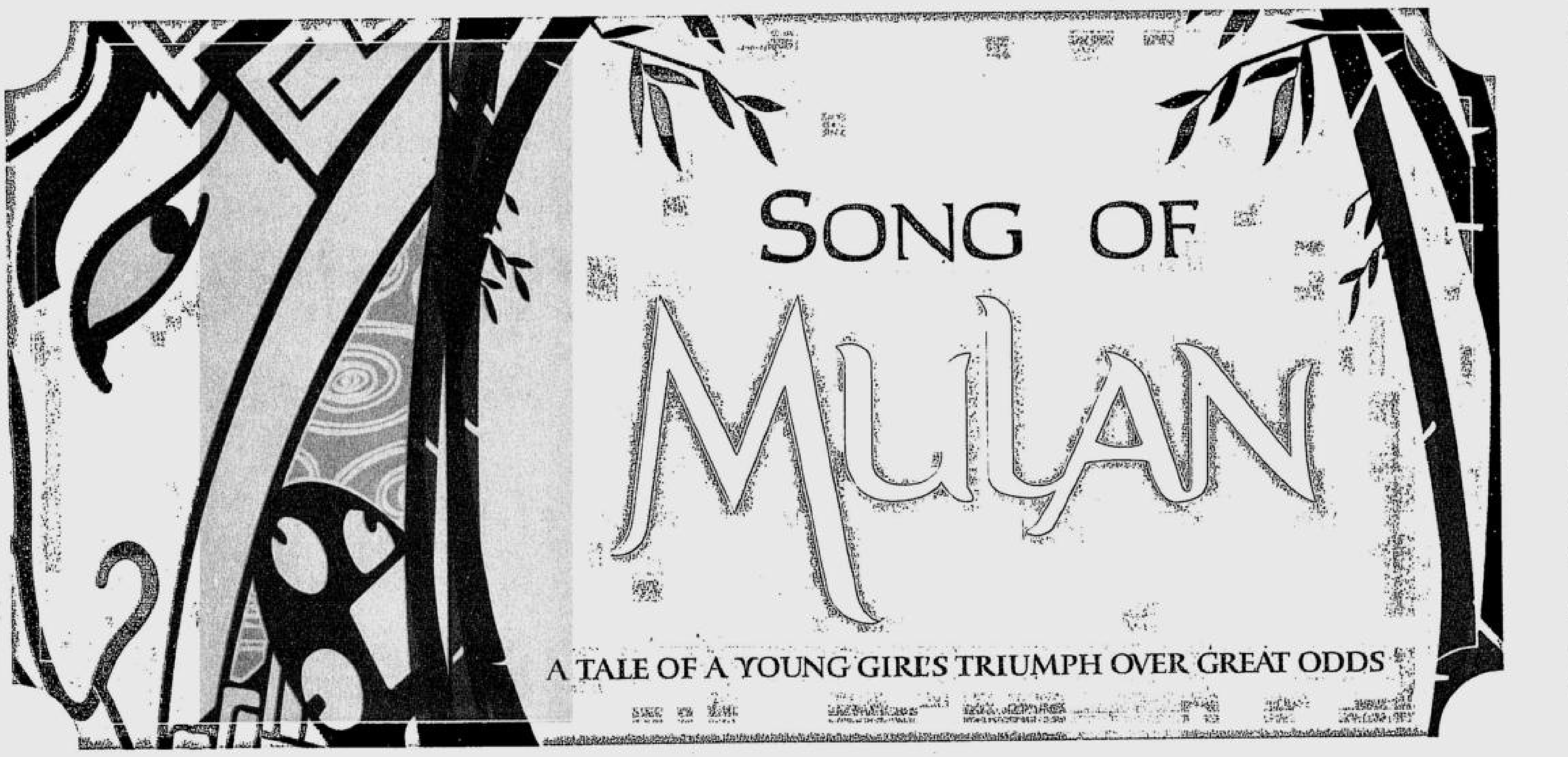
Planned by **JR Isaac**, the meal was delicious down to the dessert. By the time we had our coffee, Nuvo was filled to the brim with Manila's party crowd. And may I add, it was a smoke-free evening so half the party was *al fresco*. It's great for us non-smokers because our eyes didn't get watery and our clothes didn't smell like ashtrays, but the downside was that I couldn't finish any conversation since everyone had to constantly step outside for a nicotine fix. Now the next challenge for designers is how to create outfits that breathe and look great even with our humidity.



JEENA Lopez and Frieda Dario

The big question is: why are all the long-time "bachelors forever" starting to fall? Louie Y. initiated the trend when he married **Cecile Chong**. And now **Dudo Vaca** has pulled off a surprise civil wedding with Singaporean **Vivianne Tan** last month.

The world must be going flip. As the text joke goes, the world's top rapper is white, the top golfer is black, the French are calling the Americans arrogant and the Germans don't want to go to war. But these are the unexpected things that make our world so exciting!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Mission in life

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

"This time, we almost made some sense of it, didn't we?"—from a '70s pop song.

FROM some vantage point of maturity we do sometimes wonder why something or another happened to change the course of our lives. A war. A chance meeting. A death. A windfall.

We question why life was so full of thorns, of desert sand, not even a flower, not one tiny oasis! On the other hand, why did an unexpected love come into our life at a time of grave strife but leave as soon as the clouds lifted? Was that a gift? Was that a punishment? We try to understand a terrible relationship we had—with a parent, or sibling, or mate, or offspring, since all one wanted was to love them infinitely. Why was one not loved back? What was that all about? Alternatively, why is one showered with all kinds of blessings—fine family, job opportunities, thoughtful friends, material comforts—when so many around are getting cancer or blood pressure strokes or someone's house was burned and another's son hanged himself?

CECILE Licad

Destiny or fate

How did you meet the person you were destined to marry? I had a pretty friend who vowed never to get married but on the way to get her permanent visa to the United States she fell and broke her wrist in many pieces. She ended up marrying the doctor who attended to her hand and asked for all of it.

How did you meet your benefactor? On a stormy day did you insist on going to a poorly attended meeting and there find a prospective sponsor who liked and approved everything you presented? Is that destiny, or fate?

ROSELLE Ambubuyog

Are fate and destiny one and the same—inevitable necessities? The dictionary defines them as synonyms but maybe there is a difference. There's an element of "doom" in "fate." "Destiny" is somewhat more upbeat, more like it's going to end up rosier. Maybe it is fate when you are completely unaware of what is happening to you and therefore can't do anything about it. Maybe there is some awareness in destiny and an element of choice. Didn't you, after all, say "yes" to your destiny when you answered your life partner? Didn't you, after all, go against the odds of the typhoon to meet your benefactor? Destiny is the meeting of the divine will and the human will.

Marching orders

To understand one's destiny it's important to figure out one's mission in life. Mission in life is our marching orders from above. When we are asked what our mission in life is, we usually name our occupation or our talent. We say: To write. To sing. To teach. To cure people. To build houses. To enforce law and order. Given that most people have more than one talent, that could be just too pat. Though it may indeed be that in people like, for instance, Michaelangelo or Cecile Licad, talent, occupation and mission are one and the same. Talents, however, are more like the tools given to us to help along our mission.

Mission in life is deeper, less obvious, and always includes the other. It is always for the greater good, never just for oneself. We recognize our mission because we never tire doing it and are happy even with all the hard work involved.

When Rizal was young, I'm sure people thought he was destined to be a great doctor, a famous writer or teacher or painter. But no, his mission was to fuel the 1898 Revolution. It was to be shot at Bagumbayan. But he needed those talents and skills to be a credible rallying figure.

Ninoy was the supreme politician—I am sure people said that after being governor and senator, he would be president someday. But no, his mission too was to be a rallying figure for a revolution—this time without a shot being fired. We can see too that he had a choice of whether to board that airplane or not.

What about Christopher Reeve—you know, the actor who always took the role of Superman? Due to a spinal injury, he became paralyzed from the neck down, and yet he said that he had never been happier. He had become a fundraiser and spokesman for the disabled, their shining symbol. But of course he had to be Superman first.

What message is Bob Hope's reaching 100

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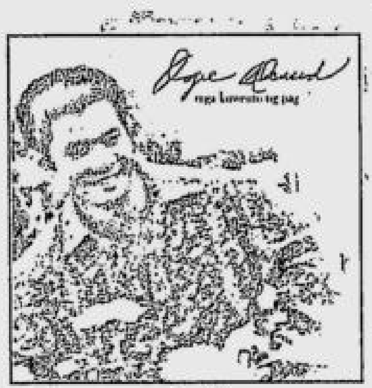

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TRAVEL

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Taal on a blitz

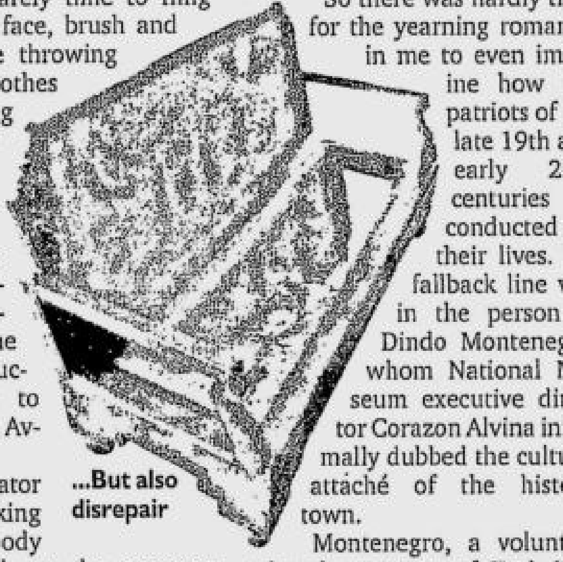
GRANDEUR at the Don Leon Apacible Museum...

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Photos by Ernie U. Sarmiento

MY friends don't call me "*kaladkarin*" for nothing.

"Your zodiac sign is Cancer. How come we hardly catch you at home?" they say. My standard answer to this reference to my being an undomesticated animal has been consistent: "Home for me is any place where I and my five-kilo bag can park."

This time the alarm clock didn't sound off at 5:30 a.m. Either that, or I was in a deep-sleep zone that I couldn't hear even if the parish church's *batingaw* were tolling at the foot of my bed. There was barely time to fling water at my face, brush and gargle before throwing on some clothes and rushing out with my backpack, hailing the first tricycle within sight and bamboozling the driver with the frantic instruction to get to Boni Avenue—fast.



...But also disrepair

The escalator wasn't working so I hurled body and backpack up the overpass and hurried down the steps again, hotfooting it to the Caltex Starmart on E. de los Santos and Boni Avenues, where I found Stratos' Jingjing Romero, tour organizer, by her lonesome, holding what appears to have become her natural appendage, her mobile phone.

Was I that late? Apparently not. There had been a last-minute change of assembly point. So I was driven in a van to another Starmart outlet further down the avenue.

Well, what do you know? The early birds were eating breakfast, and leisurely at that. For this trip, only my note-taking and observation skills had been commissioned by the editor. Ernie Sarmiento, INQUIRER chief of photographers, would do the button-pressing duties.

I don't know, dear reader, but wouldn't you want to tarry and imbibe the spirit of a place like Taal instead of being led from one old mansion to another with just a toilet break in between? But Jingjing and Cherry Antonio Pinga, Caltex corporate communications officer, were nothing if not engines of efficiency, with eyes on their timepieces.

So there was hardly time for the yearning romantic in me to even imagine how the patriots of the late 19th and early 20th centuries conducted their lives. My fallback line was in the person of Dindo Montenegro, whom National Museum executive director Corazon Alvina informally dubbed the cultural attaché of the historic town.

Montenegro, a volunteer cultural promoter of Taal (methinks the Tagalog word "promotor" is more apt here) for the past 10 years, said his town was experiencing a revival as a destination point because of its ambience and rich heritage.

Batangas-related events like last month's "Parada ng Lechon (Roast Pig Parade)" have become "overly commercialized," he said, "and even the lechon itself can hardly be seen anymore because it is covered with so many other products."

He lamented that some local officials had not carried out recommendations regarding environmental and heritage preservation. He pointed to the shell of Rosel Cinema on Agoncillo Street, which was built in the 1920s and was then called Cine Taal. It was also leased to a Manila group, which brought in movies that Taaleños could watch.

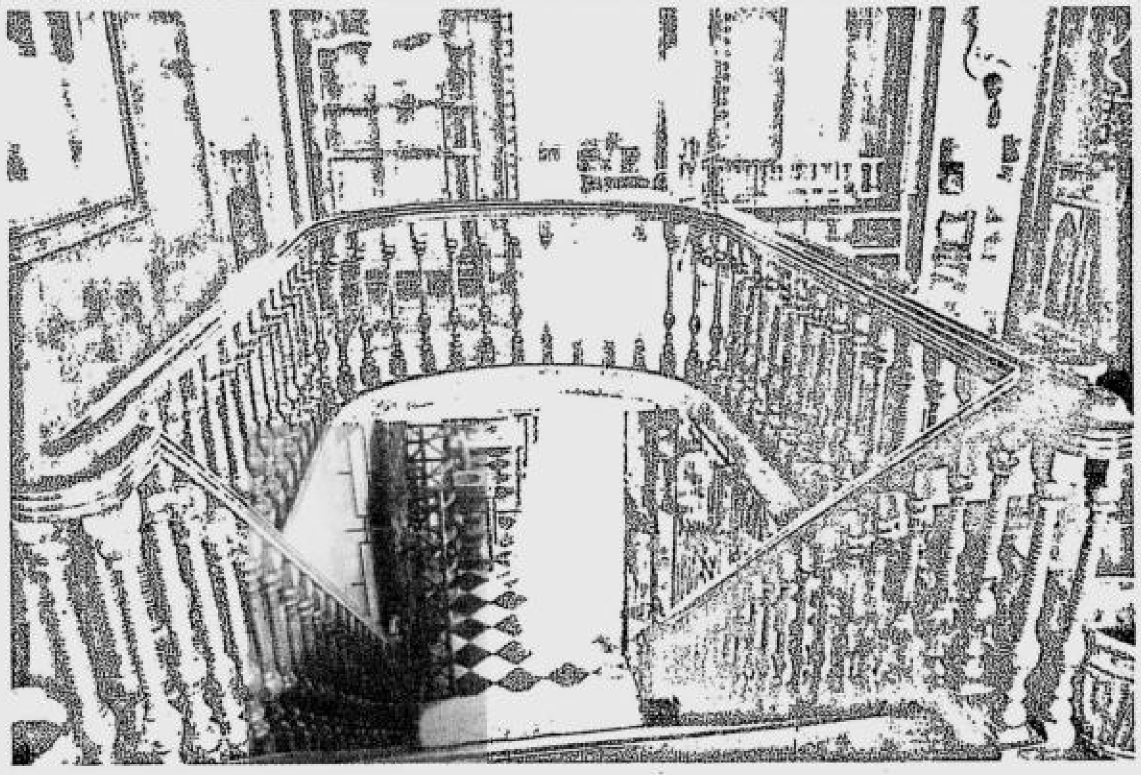
This is what gets Montenegro's goat. Somewhere along the way, the façade, which blends well with the line of old houses on the street, was torn down and up went a big signboard in pink, mint green and yellow. The cinema had been turned into a candy factory.

Montenegro, a member of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts' monuments and sites committee, continues to fight the good fight. He took us to the first Philippine diplomat Felipe Agoncillo's house, continuing his informative annotation along the way.

There were showcases containing salt and pepper shakers, a rosary, eyeglasses, scapulars, silverware, and toothpick holders of yore. And portraits, too, of flagmaker Marcela Agoncillo's "diamonds"—daughters Lorenza, Gregoria, Eugenia, Marcela II and Maria.

Oh, was I getting into the details indeed as I stole a peek into the dining room with its table for 10 and blue glassware. Sylvia Alvarez, the shrine guide, corrected my misimpression that the Agoncillos had it all. The Intramuros Administration had loaned the colorful glassware.

She pointed to the ceiling, saying, "The original ceiling in 1906 was dome-shaped and had paintings of four angels." But later it was repaired and turned flat.



Most of the items belonging to the family got burned during the Japanese Occupation, our informant added. They moved some furniture and precious accessories, like the four-seasons vases from the Spanish time, to a house in Lemery and left a few in Taal. The house in Lemery was the one that was razed to the ground.

Again very briefly, we entered a room with a life-size diorama depicting Marcela Agoncillo and some women sewing the flag. There were demitasse cups and an escritoire displayed in other parts of the house.

We were shepherded to another side street from where we saw an ancient but still sturdy house on Agoncillo Street that was up for sale. Montenegro lamented that "sometimes the owners would not agree without viewpoint [of cultural preservation]. They say, '*Amin ito* (this is ours). We can do as we please.' They refuse to follow the heritage standard."

Another damaging element apart from the lack of a Filipino historical consciousness that was evident was the constant stream of tricycle units along the street. Naturally, the pollution from the diesel-run engines (oops, I forgot this was a Caltex-sponsored trip) could further ruin the frail contents of the houses.

Next on the itinerary was Leon Apacible's house, another historical landmark. Here lived the right-hand person of Gen. Miguel Malvar. Another value-added factor was that this abode was where Jose Rizal, Mariano Ponce and other figures in our history books used to meet.

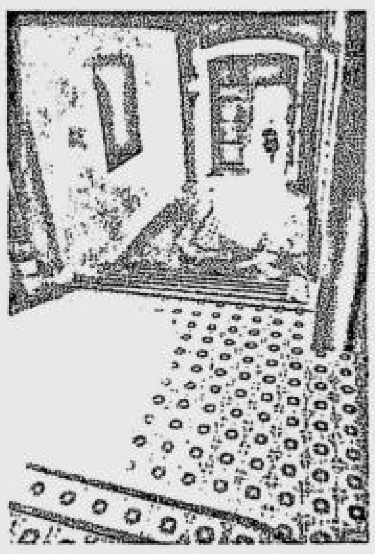
What made the place a source of amusement for the casually dressed media people was the mode of dressing of Apacible's period. Hats, hats, canes and more hats: *salakot*, *capelo*, top hat, bowler hat, Panama hat, Pershing cap, red fez. I had to restrain myself from putting one on, twirling a cane and tap dancing on the wooden floor upstairs to the tune of Ella Fitzgerald's version of "I'm putting on my top hat..."

With all due respect, the Apacible private quarters (specifically bedrooms) were open. But the entrance was roped off. Good decision, for if it were not, what was to stop a curiosity seeker such as I from testing how soft or firm were the mattresses beneath the crocheted bedspreads? Or to run my fingers along the sensuous grooves of the hand-carved beds with leaf-and-fan motifs?

The *solijia* living room set was in need of repair, and there was a donation box for the purpose.

I could've told the rest of the party; Go ahead, leave me here, surrounded by huge windows with sliding panels, Louis XV console tables, vintage photos, a 17th-century image of the Virgin of the Rosary, a *nivera* (old-style ice box), blue chinaware from the Ming Dynasty period; the hand-painted dinnerware set for 12 from Vienna—and my own store of imagined memories.

FACADE of the Marella Villavicencio house...



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Icebars coming up

SWEDEN'S Icehotel, which teamed up with the company that manufactures premium vodka Absolut, is planning to launch three Icebars in Europe and one in the United States this year.

Absolut Icebars will feature a number of ice sculptures and present a designed environment envisioned to be a full-scale experience.

More Icebars are planned for the rest of the world, said Yngve Berqvist, managing director of Icehotel.

ICEBAR on the drawing boards

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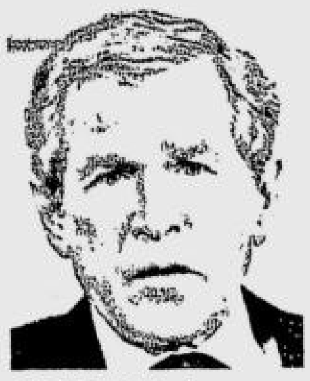
GEORGE W. Bush

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BAYANI Fernando

Mission in life

From page G1

years old sending us? Maybe that laughter keeps one healthy and that happiness always attracts good fortune, including long life.

Mother Teresa's mission is also relatively easy to read. She was a giver of the first water, ministering to the poorest of the poor. I once had a young friend who worked with her in India, and he would say, Mother, why do we have to shave and bathe and cut the nails of these sick and extremely dirty derelicts when tomorrow we know they will all be dead? And Mother Teresa answered: If even for just one second they feel unconditionally loved, then we have done our earthly duty. That was Mother Teresa's mission.

Helen Keller's mission, like mathematician Roselle Ambubuyog, Ateneo's totally blind summa cum laude, seems pretty obvious. Any kind of physical handicap can be overcome:

What about an oldie like Grandma Moses? Maybe everyone thought she would be just a good cook, or an artful embroiderer, or maybe a nice granny, but she ended up painting the most spectacular naifs that made her known all over the world. Her mission—to show that no matter how old we are, there's always something more ahead.

One and all

Now comes the question: Does everybody have a mission in life? What about that *kanto* boy sniffing glue at the corner? What about the beggar who gave birth in a pushcart? What about the *bomba* star? The prostitute?

Nobody is without a mission in life. That's why we were put on earth. The underprivileged carry it out consciously or unconsciously within their circumscribed environments. There are many roles in life—some are leaders, some followers, some servers. The little people may have missions to service the needs of people with bigger missions, but they could also be the indirect teachers of these leaders. As for the very poor and those we consider scum, they may have been put here as mirrors of society, to serve as our conscience. (It's much like I used to wonder what cockroaches were created for. Someone told me: *Ang ipis ay salamin ng kababuyan ng tao.*)

Everyone has a mission, including the monks who do nothing but sit on the mountain tops and pray. By their endless meditation, they purify the air of the cities below.

Instruments of karma

As for Adolf Hitler and Ferdinand Marcos and maybe George W. Bush, they have missions too, but are unaware of it. Being attracted to the lower energies, they become instruments of karma. Hitler brought about the Holocaust but also (against his own designs) a conscious effort in Europe never to create a Hitler again. It was a milestone towards the evolution of people. Marcos' tyrannical ambition and acquisitiveness awakened in the people a realization that they have the power to topple a head of state. We even became some sort of a model for peaceful revolution in Asia. Instruments of karma deal with death and destruction. They push themselves to the edge, putting their necks on the line, triggering a point of no return.

As for President Bush, his story is not yet finished. He went against the United Nations to wage the war against Iraq, ignoring all objections. And there were no weapons of mass destruction. Maybe it was supposed to teach the Americans that they are not always right. Serious students of karma, however, see Bush as the instrument that would (whether it is his intention or not) bring about a new order in the world. A world that is vastly different from what we know today—with nations working with one another toward world contentment and peace. To achieve his (un)intended mission, the US president has to deal with a lot of dirt—ferreting out nuclear weapons is dirty work—getting himself grimed in the process and disapproved by half the world. In this apocalyptic time, only a wealthy and powerful nation like America can attempt to avert an atomic holocaust, and maybe it is bull-headed George Bush. *Abangan ang susunod.*

A lesser instrument of karma, that of the Catholic church, is Bishop Teodoro Bacani. One of his karmic missions was to expose that not all is right in the Catholic Church; it needs drastic housecleaning. (By the way, did priests make a vow of celibacy [the unmarried state], or chastity [the pure and sexless state])?

Terminators

What is the mission, for instance, of Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and MMDA chair Bayani Fernando? Both are honorable people. But one's predilection is tearing down old historical structures and cementing all free ground. The other is dead-set on cutting down 750,000 trees to ease traffic flow.

These are two really macho gentlemen out to do a fast and efficient job. They might even bulldoze and cement you if you are slow about crossing the street. Because they think like men, the linear solution is to them the only way. *Itumba ang nakaharang.*

So, who is trying to stop them? The women! And a few right-brained men. Because they show the alternative solution, as alternatives have been shown in so many other fields—in food, medicine, agriculture, garbage disposal, solar energy. That quality of life is not a tree-less avenue or a city bereft of history. It is saving parks and much-needed greenery wherever they may be, as well as preserving a visible past to bequeath to the next generation.

So why does it take some getting on in years to figure out one's mission? Because if you are young, you may still be in a profession your parents have forced on you. It needs years of experimentation and experience to distinguish our mission in life from our will o' the wisps. Being fully awake to it helps us understand some whys and wherefores of life. It makes the path to the things we have to do so much clearer and easier. It gives us the courage to follow our bliss.

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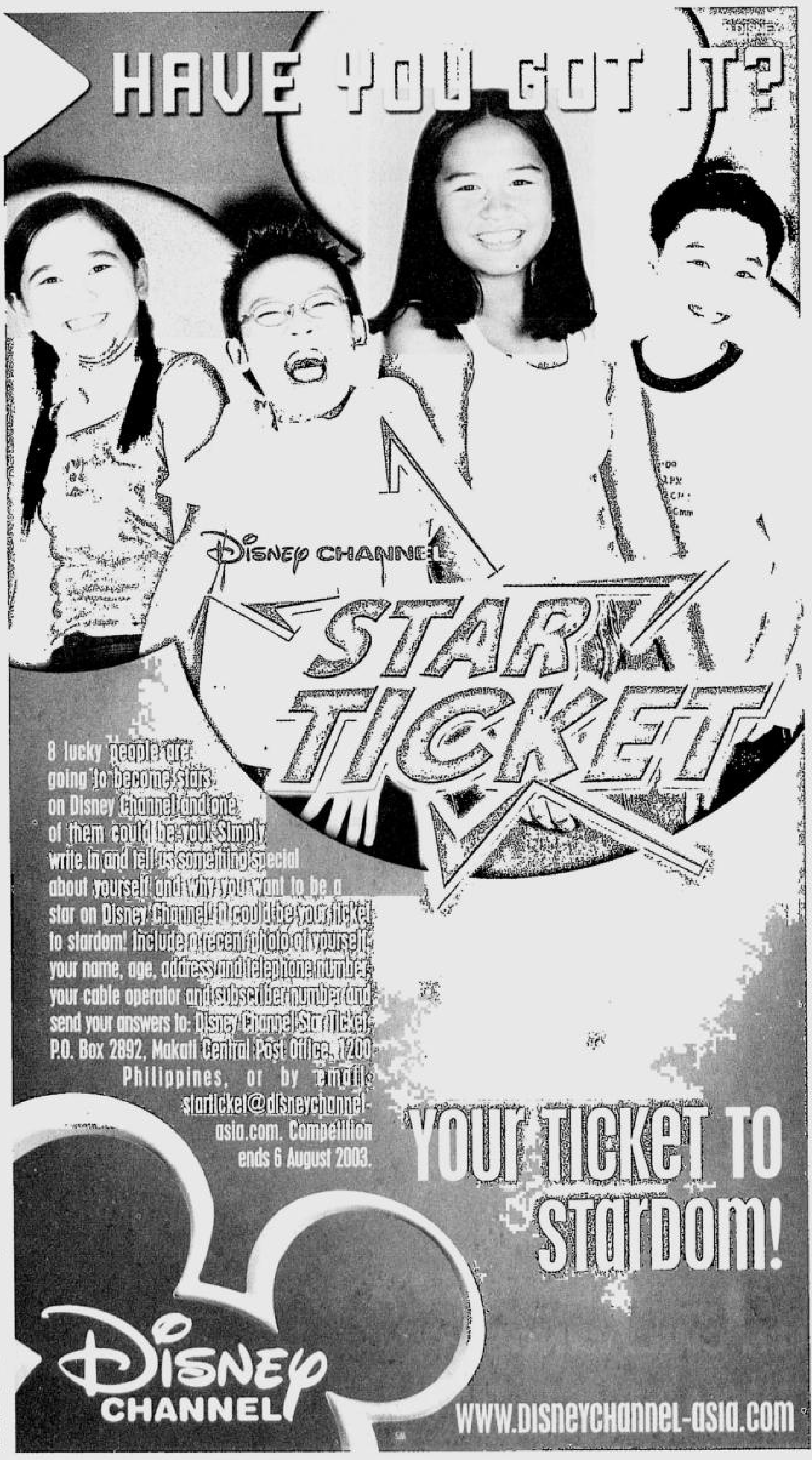

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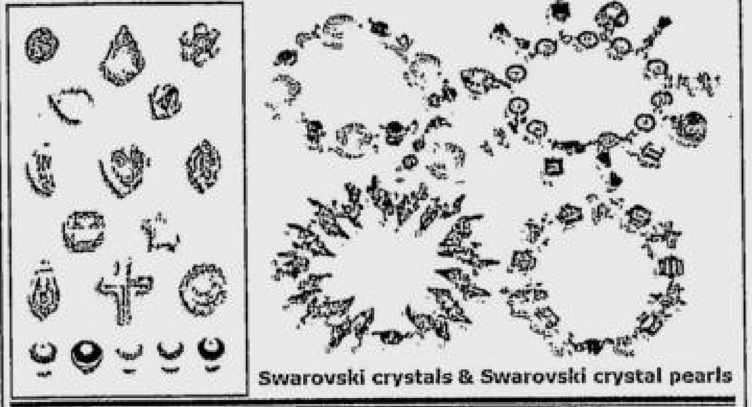
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Aug. 02, Sat. – THE CRAB IS KING 3. Recipes such as Steamed Custard Crab, Chili Oyster Crabs, Pineapple Crab Curry, Crab in A1 Sauce and Spicy Red Style Curry (Thai Style) from Chef Gene for P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

Aug. 03, Sun. – GENE'S FAVORITE PASTA SAUCES 2. With Chorizo and Roasted Garlic Cream, Chorizo and Shrimp in Saffron Cream, Duck Farfalette with Dried Currants, Gene's Favorite Tortellini, Salmon Lasagna with Saffron Sauce and Linguine alla Vongole Salsa Bianca. P880.00 with all the ingredients included 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

Aug. 05, Tues. – FAST AND EASY COOKING 1 Chef Gino Gonzalez teaches you 8 quick, easy and delicious dishes that busy bodies can be proud of. Strictly for family and café friendly cooking! Recipes include Warm Pollunchay Salad, Clam Chowder; Baked Leek Tart; Shrimp Croquettes; Pasta Alfredo Sauce; Pinoy Sausage and Olive Pasta; Cumin Crusted Chicken Breast with Balsamic Reduction and Butter Tea Parfait with Lemon Custard Sauce for Ph 1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 07, Thurs. – SUMPTUOUS SALMON Let Chef Gino teach you 6 unique and tasty ways to cook Salmon that can be used in catering or for entertaining. Recipes include Salmon Cannelloni, Salmon Croquettes with Dill-Mustard Sauce, Herb Crusted Salmon Fillet with Caper Buerre Blanc, Spinach Salmon Lasagna with Saffron Gratin, Salmon Mousse with Fish Roe in Horseradish Sauce and Poached Salmon Paupiette with Lemon-Basil Whisk Butter Sauce for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 09, Sat. – PINOY KAKANIN 1. Pinoy Kakanin recipes from Chef David such as Pichi-piching Kamoteng Kahoy, Pichi-piching Green Pinipig, Sapin-sapin, Puto, Puto (Flour) and Kalamay na Kalabasa for P1,000.00 from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. including all ingredients.

Aug. 10, Sun. – THE SAUSAGE WORKSHOP 1 Recipes from Chef Gene for you to learn and can be use in business. The recipes are Italian Sausage, Morcillas or Blood Sausage, Longganisang Calumpit, Breakfast Pork Sausage, Seafood Sausage, Sulipan Sausage and Chorizo de Jabali. Recipes include all ingredients for P880.00 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

Aug. 11, Mon. – VIETNAMESE COOKING 1. Learn delicious Vietnamese Cuisine from Nga Nguyen de Lemos, owner of Vietnamese Food House. Recipes include Pho Bo (Beef Noodle Soup), Goi Cuon (Fresh Springrolls with Shrimp and Pork), Pho Ap Chao (Fried Rice Stick noodles with Squid and Shrimps), Cha Ca Thang Long (Grilled Fish with Dill), Goi Rau Muong Thit Bo (Swamp Cabbage with Sautéed Beef Salad) and Che Bap (Sweet Corn with Coconut Milk) for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 12, Tues. – FAST AND EASY COOKING 2 This is part two of Chef Gino's deliciously easy to prepare dishes for home and business. Eight good eating dishes include Tuna Garlic Butteryaki; Gino's Squid Ink Fried Rice; Korean Sliced Beef with Bulgogi Sauce; Sizzling Bistek Kabute; Chicken Mapo Beancurd; Chicken and Apple Sesame Fritter Salad; Curried, Corn and Pea Fritters with Tamarind Sauce and Asian Custard Fruit Salad for Ph 1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 13, Wed. – VIETNAMESE COOKING 2. A sequel to Chef Nga Nguyen de Lemos Vietnam cuisine for you to enjoy, the recipes are Cha Gio Tom (Fried Springroll with Shrimps), Goi Buoi Hai Sang (Pomelo Salad with Jellyfish), Ca Kho To (Caramelized Fish in Hot Pot), Banh Xeo (Vietnamese Omelette), Phoxao Bo (Sautéed Hofan with Beef and Kailan Leaves) and Cha Dau Xanh (Yellow Beans with Coconut Milk) for P1,200.00 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. including all ingredients.

Aug. 14, Thurs. SPANISH SEAFOOD DISHES. A delicious collection of Spanish Seafood Dishes is Betina Legarda's Menu for her class, the recipes include Fish Filets with Intoxicated Clams, Bacalao Pollensa, Sole in Lemon Sauce, Brandied Lapu-lapu, Shrimps with Sherry Wine and Herbs and Spaghetti Noodles with Parslied Seafood for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 15, Fri. – A TASTE OF KOREA. Let Shim Kun Huh teach us recipes from her hometown, Pusan Korea, the recipes are Wakame Soup, Dried Anchovy Banchan, Korean Omelet, Kimchi and Bulgogi with Dipping Sauce for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 16, Sat. – PINOY KAKANIN 3. New set of native delicacies from Chef David Fajardo, the recipes are Espasol, Bibingkang Cassava, Kalakang Kamoteng Kahoy, Kalamay Ube, Calabasa Flan with Honey Butter Sauce for P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 17, Sun. – SUGAR-FREE AND LOW SUGAR DESSERTS. Let Chef Gene teach you Sugar-free and Low Sugar desserts such as Leche Flan, Buko Pie, Halayang Ube, Buko-Pandan Salad, Tibok-tibok, Maja Mais, Triple Chocolate Silk and Low-Sugar Tiramisu for P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 18, Mon. – THE ART OF JAPANESE FRYING. Chef Rikichi Aoki from Osaka, Japan teaches the simple art of Favorite Japanese Fried Dishes in this class that features Tempura, Katsudon, Tongkatsu, Donburi plus the sauces that accompanies every dish. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,200.00 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 19, Tues. – NO FEAR BAKING 2. New recipes for everyone, minimal knowledge in baking needed. Different cakes for the discriminating few. Some student participation is welcome. The recipes include White Chocolate Butter Loaf, Chocolate Chip Cake, Pecan Chewies, Designer Brownies – using ready mix, Strawberry Bread and Sugar-Free Orange Cupcakes. For P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 20, Wed. – A JAPANESE MEAL 1 Recipes include Sukiyaki, Shabu-shabu, Miso Soup, Nimono and Gindara Teriyaki from Chef Aoki including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for P1,200.00.

Aug. 21, Thurs. – PASTA IN A FLASH. Let Chef Gino teach you 8 quick, easy and delightful pasta recipes in one short period. Recipes include Pasta Fritata, Linguine in Vongole Sauce, Chorizo, Mushroom and Roasted Red Bell Pepper Sauce, Chicken and Shrimp Lemon Crème Sauce, Pasta Bianca alla Carbonara, Pasta Salad with Honey Dill Dressing and Gino's Puttanesca for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 22, Fri – A TASTE OF KOREA 2. Sequel to Shim Kun Huh Korean dishes that you will surely enjoy and its easy to cook. The recipes are Potato Banchan, Seafood Soup, Wakame Salad, Kimchi Fried Rice and Chapche for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 23, Sat. – TAPAS 2: SPAIN'S BAR FAVORITES. Sequels to Chef Gene's arrays of Spanish appetizers, the recipes are Mondongo Serrano, Croquettas de Pollo, Mejillones con Tigre, Milojas con Salmon Ahumado and Milojas con Chorizo for P980.00 including all ingredients from 9:00 – 12:00 noon NEW CLASS.

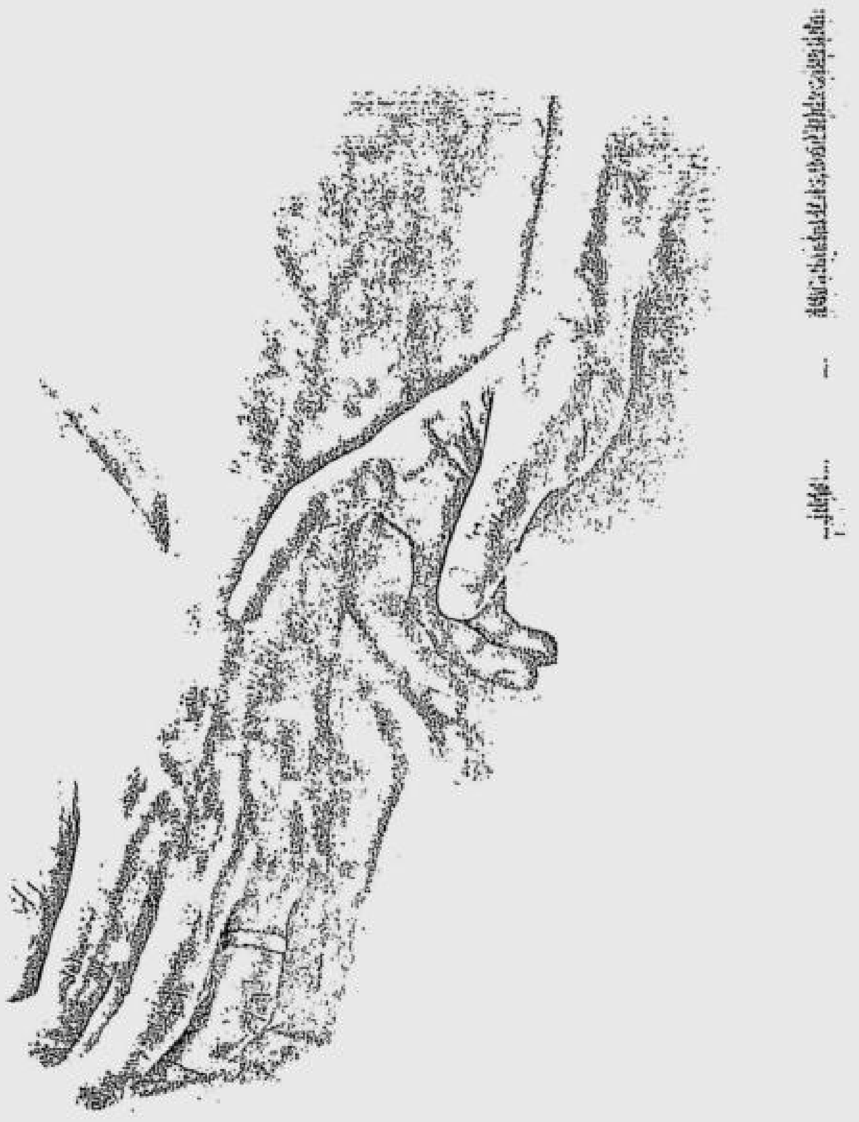
Aug. 24, Sun. – SEAFOOD FUSION 2. Another set of Delicious Seafood dishes from Chef Gene, recipes are Smoked Salmon Dumplings, Squid Cake, Spicy Tuna Carpaccio, Timbale of Salmon with Smoked Fish and Shrimp Spring Rolls with Red Pepper Bean Paste. P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. NEW CLASS.

Aug. 25 – 27, Mon. to Wed. – BASIC BAKING WORKSHOP. A 3-days hands-on workshop that will teach the students all the necessary principle and techniques in baking which will start with cookies, bars, coffee cakes and end with the three (3) main types of cakes. The workshop is limited to 15 students. Manual, ingredients and apron will be included for P4,800.00 from 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Aug. 28, Thurs. SPANISH ENTERTAINING MEAL 2. When it comes to serious entertaining, have some serious fun doing Betina Legarda's full course meal, the recipes are Fantastic Spanish Crab Soup, A Vegetarian Feast of Colors, Bacalao with Cilantro Shrimps, Tio Pepe's Chicken Chilindron, Tenderloin with White Wine, My Mamaitas Caramelized Bananas for P1,500 with all the ingredients from 10:00 – 1:30 p.m. NEW CLASS.

"I stopped touching her."

I didn't want to be in that situation again.



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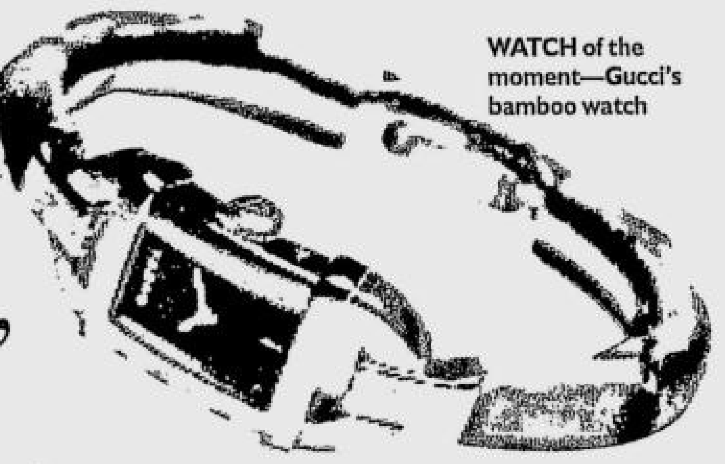
WATCH of the moment—Gucci's bamboo watch

Cocooning in Shanghai, falling out of Bed

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

SHANGHAI **Surprise 2.** I received so much e-mail regarding **Ben Chan**'s new lifestyle store, Magazine, in Shanghai. For their part, sisters **Helen Ho-Delgado** and **Doris Ho** are making their mark with Cocoon in the very swanky Xintiandi area. The boutique sells silk quilts done in traditional style. It is sold in no less than Bergdorf Goodman and other stores in the US.

Shanghai was one of my first trips post-SARS. Although there were still checkpoints (think: people taking your temperature), there was less fear.

I remember at the height of SARS, I went to Bangkok and even brought my own mask, the N-95. During the flight, the stewardess passed out thinner masks and I told her I had my own.

Well, 15 minutes after take-off, I could not breathe—the N-95 is a disease preventor but sure does not help in breathing. So I had to take the one they were passing out.

Back to Shanghai. I enjoyed all the places we went to, especially the bars and restaurants. One of the best surprises in the trip was not for me but rather for my friend, **Mons Tantoco.**

She was traveling without her husband, **Sander.** So he surprised her—it was the perfect way for them to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

One night, a friend accompanied me to an underground bar which had no signage. To get there you had to go through a dark alley. (I noticed that in Shanghai there were no stray dogs, cats or rats, which got me thinking… did they kill them? Was there a pound nearby? When I asked my friend who had been living there for years, he said, "You're right! I never thought of that; maybe that's why people here eat a lot of *siopao.*" Okay, that was a joke!)

Shanghai is a bustling city, modern and sophisticated, but it still has the Old World charm. It's a city that I recommend to everyone.

Must-have watch—Gucci's bamboo watch. I chanced upon this little piece of wood in the July/August issue of Wallpaper and must say it is simply exquisite. Gucci first introduced the bamboo-handled handbag in the 1940s; the bag is still any stylish lady's dream accessory.

The watch, as described in the magazine, is a "single piece of bamboo, treated to bring out the caramel color, making each one unique." So if you are looking for a stylish new watch or ban-

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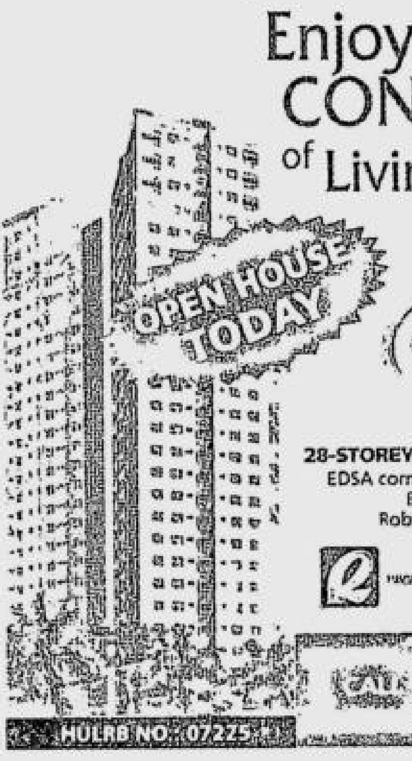
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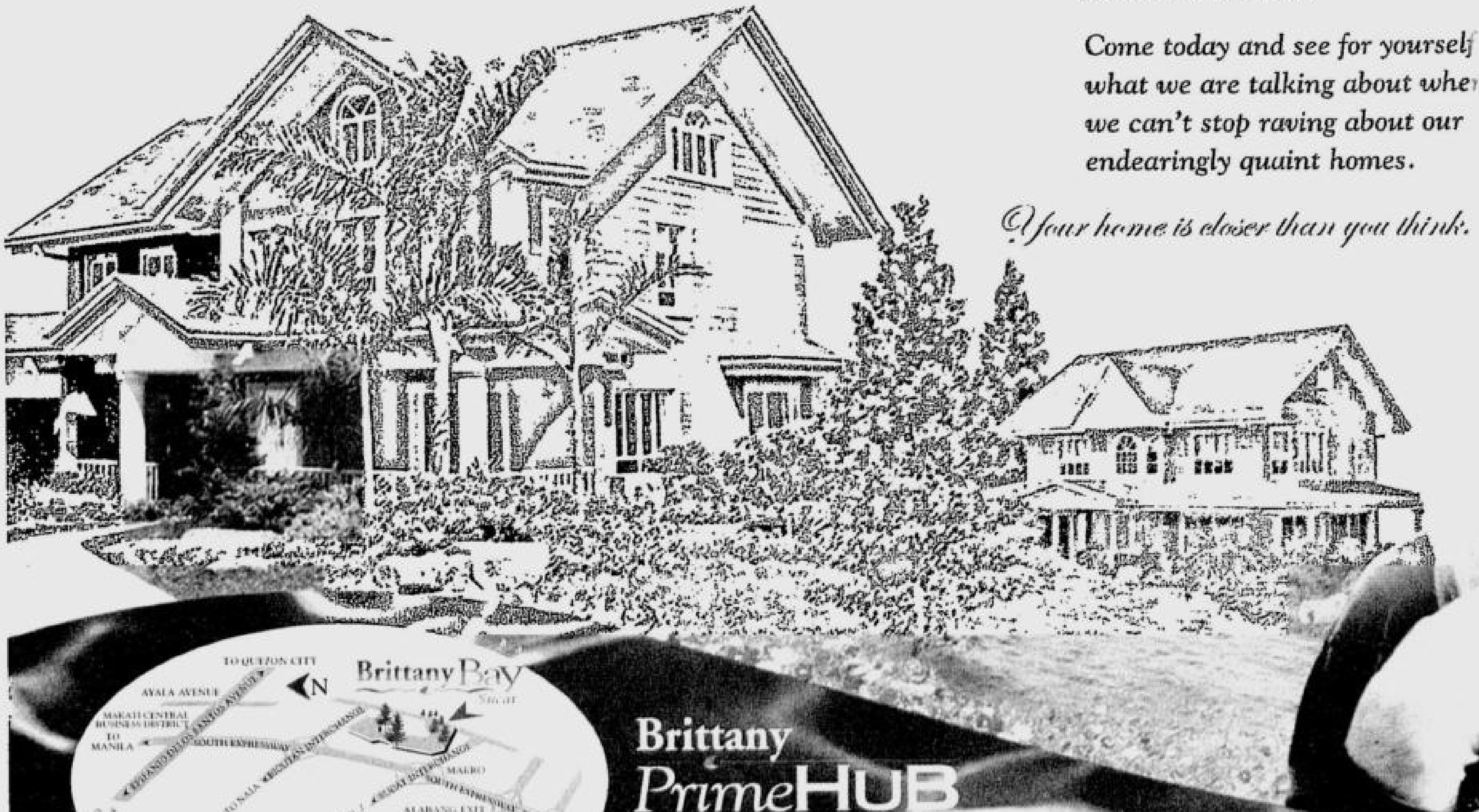

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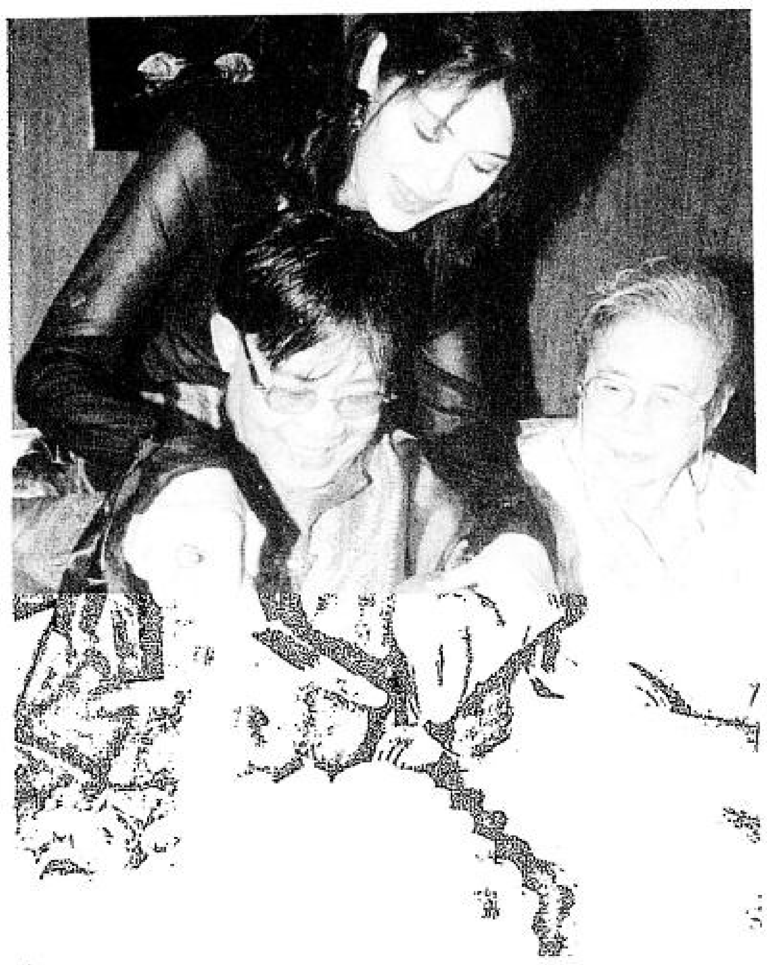

VANGIE Pascual helps Rikki cut the cake while Leonor Orosa Goquingco looks on.

COLUMNIST Rikki Jimenez treated friends and family recently to a buffet dinner at the Thien Duong Vietnamese Restaurant of the Dusit Hotel Nikko Manila to celebrate his birthday.

The celebration served as another fundraiser for Jimenez's newly opened medical clinics for the underprivileged in barangays Ranzohan and Bara in Lucena City. Both clinics are based in the elementary schools in the barangays.

Cash gifts from friends and relatives who attended the party would be used for the upkeep of the clinics. Jimenez is currently organizing his own foundation to ensure the continued existence of the clinics and to be able to undertake other charitable projects.

Guests at this year's party included National Artist Leonor Orosa-Goquingco, former Miss Universe Margie Moran-Floirendo and former Misses Philippines Evangeline Pascual and Edith Nakpil-Rabat; consuls Mellie Ablaza, Fortune Ledesma and Evie Costa; Manila Bulletin lifestyle editor Ethel Timbol; Philippine Star sub-editor Joseph Cortes; PDI columnist Bambi Harper and PDI writer-photographer Mandy Navasero; freelance writer Pamboy Pastor; socialites Nene Leosor, Chit Salud, Marylou Lovina and Pacita de Guzman; film directors Mel Chionglo and Joel Lamangan; television director Oskar Atendido; film critic Mario Hernando; couturiers Pitoy Moreno, Joe Sason and Tony Cajucom; Belco's Ina Ticzon; former basketball star Bogs Adornado; antique dealers Joanne de Asis-Salgado, Marilou Bloomquist and John Sullivan; lawyer Eugenia Muñoz; businessmen Tito de Guzman, Norma Virtucio, Nick Panopio and Mila Baylon; enterprising couples Ernie and Sylvia Ordoñez, Mon and Portia Santos, Alex and Sol Yu; Dusit Hotel Manila PR director Ruby Carillo; Jimenez's sister Vikki and husband Dino Lagdameo with children Kat, Yeye and Jelo; the celebator's brothers Caloy, Joper and Lando; and niece Aira Jimenez.

Jimenez has hosted such birthday dinners for seven years now.

SEATED, from left: Mario Hernando, Tony Cajucom, Oskar Atendido, Mel Chionglo and Joel Lamangan; standing, from left: Mandy Navasero, Linda Bolido, Rikki, Pitoy Moreno, Ningning Muñoz, Sylvia Ordoñez and Ernie Ordoñez

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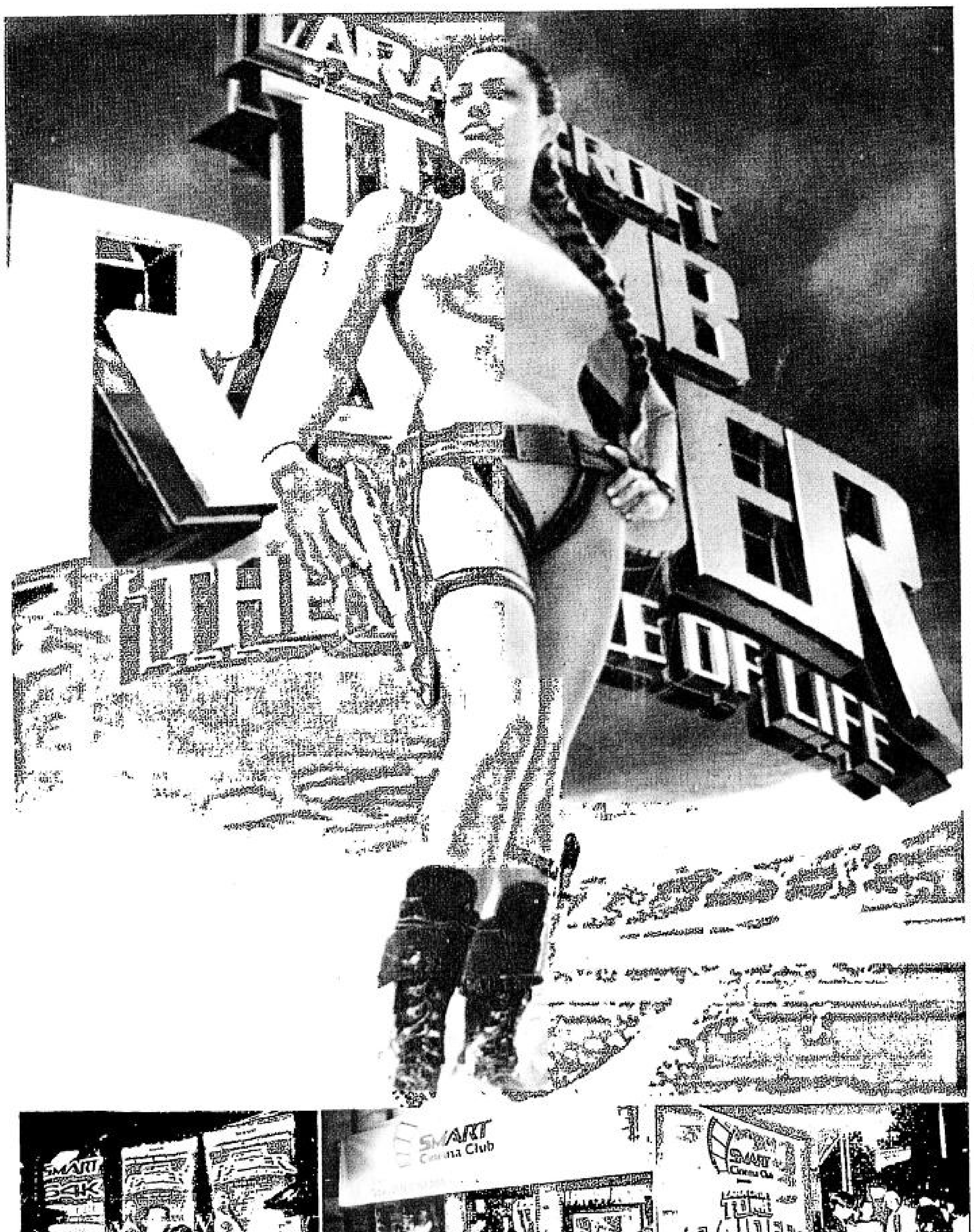

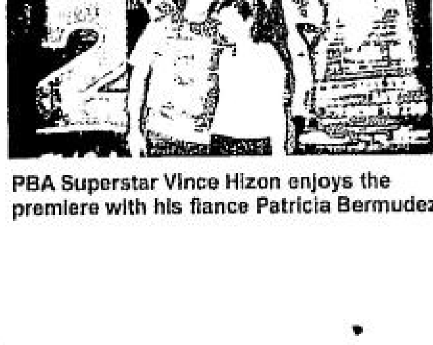

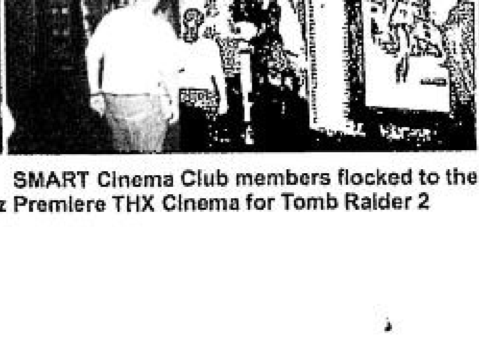

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PBA Superstar Vince Hizon enjoys the premiere with his fiance Patricia Bermudez

SMART Cinema Club members flocked to the Premiere THX Cinema for Tomb Raider 2

Everyone wanted to see Lara Croft's latest cinematic adventure

Lara Croft
Comes Back for Seconds

In the world of video games, there are rare occasions when a true superstar is born. Someone who becomes so huge, they are no longer confined to the little gaming systems that children and teenagers play. That being said, one star has shone brightest among all video game characters: Lara Croft. Whether she was looking for artifacts in China, or storming the canals of Venice, Lara took to every adventure with ease. Soon enough, Hollywood came calling and Academy Award-winner Angelina Jolie was cast as everyone's favorite adventurer. The first "Tomb Raider" motion picture was a box-office powerhouse, instantly sparking rumors of a sequel to follow. Now, you've got the opportunity to see Lara Croft's latest onscreen adventure!

The SMART Cinema Club recently sponsored an early screening for "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" at the Premiere THX Cinema. As the follow-up to 2001's blockbuster, "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" the movie promised to be even bigger and more explosive than the first.

Debuting in the hit game "Tomb Raider" during the late 1990s, Lara was something nobody had ever seen before in a video game: a strong, intelligent woman who could defend herself without requiring male assistance. With a British accent, and a sexy figure to boot, Lara made "Tomb Raider" one of the biggest selling games of all time. Add a breathtaking array of exotic locations around the world and video gamers lived out Lara's numerous adventures with gusto.

The SMART Cinema Club invites you to join the unique adventures of the one and only Lara Croft through the ease of your celfones! Get a chance to win great prizes in two exciting ways. Earn a raffle entry for every download of exclusive movie icons & images and get a chance to win a Nokia 7250 weekly until August 17, 2003! Just key in TR2 and send to 239 to start the adventure!

You can also win up to P100,000 in the Chicks and Flicks Promo. Test your knowledge on popular actresses and the movies they've appeared in. Think you know Angelina the Tomb Raider inside out? How about Julia Roberts or Meg Ryan and their movies? The player with the highest score for the day wins a brand new Nokia 2100! The highest scorer for the entire promo period until August 12, 2003 wins the grand prize of P100,000! Just type CHICKS and send to 206 to start playing this unique trivia game.

As Lara Croft now goes hunting for the mythical "Cradle of Life", you can be part of the world-spanning adventure, all thanks to SMART Cinema Club!

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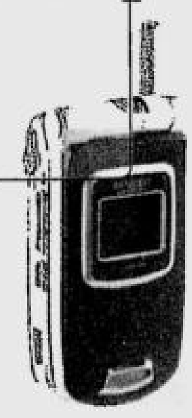
LG Electronics—makers of quality home appliances are making digital dreams a reality with its latest product offerings.
Imagine the power of controlling and managing your home through the ease of connectivity!
By using Internet technology you can now control appliances with a few clicks of your mouse, or even through your mobile phone!
Among the amazing lineup of products are the LG FLATRON 71" Plasma Display Panel, the latest in LG's Home Cinema System, and the groundbreaking Digital Home Network.

THE DIGITAL HOME NETWORK



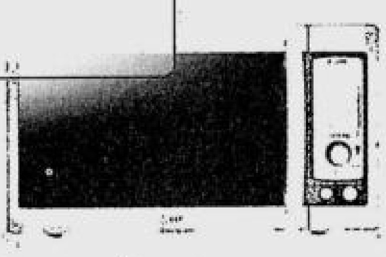
It used to be that in movies set in the distant future, homes have taken a somewhat advanced, sort of "hi-tech feel". Some films envision that ordinary household effects and appliances can be controlled by the sound of one's voice relaying a command, or that everything in the house can be modified or altered by a small control panel on the wall and the like.

Who knows if one of these futuristic themed films have inspired the LG Electronics' product development division to come up with something that may very well be one step closer to this wondrous concept. Hence the creation of the Digital Home Network.

Home Networking is the latest innovation in the appliance industry as envisioned by LG. LG believes that all Home Appliances and Electronics products will be connected as one system in the not so distant future.

Appliances such as the Refrigerator, the Washing Machine, the microwave, air-conditioner, Plasma TVs and DVD recorders can now be controlled through the internet.

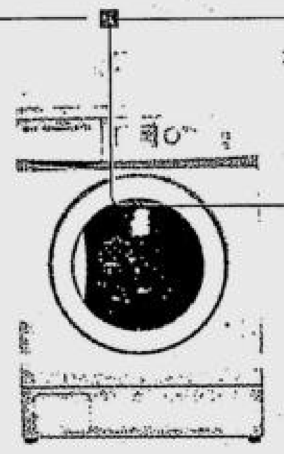
Home Network Products reduce the information gap between ages, social classes, and generations. Through home networking products, those currently unfamiliar with computers and high technology will now be able to explore the information highway.



LG has revolutionized the top-end Microwave Oven market with the LG Internet Microwave. The unit comes with a communications port and a large LCD screen to control the functions of the product. The microwave can either connect directly to the Internet Fridge or your standard PC. If the unit lies too far from the PC link, a remote control is provided to store information from the PC to later be relayed to the microwave.

You can download recipes straight into your microwave from the Internet through the DreamLG website. The site is constantly updated for the latest in gastronomical ideas suited for different tastes and cultures. The Dream LG website also offers the user a variety of cooking tips along with the delicious recipes. All recipes from the site are tailored to the settings of the LG Internet Microwave's cooking time and wave strength for optimum cooking. And it also comes with an automatic power saving feature—the power is turned off automatically 5 minutes after completion of the dish.

Indeed, LG is raising the bar in microwave cooking technology with the revolutionary LG Internet Microwave.



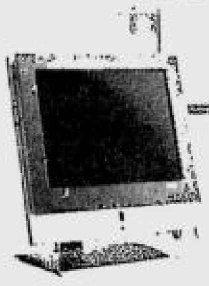
Among the world's first, the LG Internet Digital Washing Machine boasts of all the award winning features of the standard LG Washing Machine line combined with the amazing convenience of internet connectivity.

Like all other Digital Home Network products, the LG Digital Internet Washing Machine allows remote access for the user. The machine can be switched on or off and its wash cycle can be pre-programmed, monitored and altered via the Internet. The unit can be turned on at any time, from anywhere. That's worry free washing as you can load the clothes into the washing machine, leave it, monitor it via your computer or from the Internet refrigerator, and come back when it's ready to hang!

Different software programs can be downloaded from the Internet via the DreamLG website. A user can download different wash settings for various types of fabrics, clothing sizes, load sizes, etc. These wash programs and the power of the LG Digital Internet Washing Machine can fit you and your family's needs exactly. All this connectivity is made possible through the communication port and cable included in the package and it runs on LG's IOP (I-@ble Operating System).

In addition to all the remarkable features of the Internet Washing Machine, it is also equipped with the LG's outstanding Direct Drive system—this element eliminates excessive noise and vibration and the need to change the belt. It has a 180-degree door opening and a large 7-kg washload capacity.

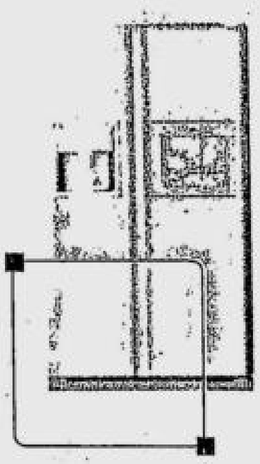
The LG Digital Internet Washing Machine is designed to be one of the most eco-friendly and energy efficient washing machines available.



Among the cutting-edge lineup of LG's Digital Display products is the world's slimmest projection TV and Digital Light Processing (DLP) TVs with sizes ranging from 40-inches to 60-inches! There's also the latest in DVD Home Cinema Systems, DLP Projectors, Digital TVs, LCD TVs and Monitors. In line with this, LG is continuously innovating its LCD Projectors, ODD/CDD-Roms and Mobile Phones. LG is also coming out with prime end offerings in Digital Home Audio including a Dolby Digital/DTS ES Discrete 7.1 channel DVD Home Cinema and a wireless home cinema system utilizing Bluetooth technology! LG is indeed changing the face of digital products.

At the Digital TV New Technology and Products Presentation held on July 6, at the Gumi manufacturing plant in Korea, LGE introduced over 20 new diverse Digital TV products, including projection TV, LCD TV, CRT TV, and PDP as the flagship product that employs XDRpro, which features the most advanced level of picture quality enhancement in the world.

Also at this presentation, a heap of home theater systems and digital broadcast-ready TVs were released. Stylish home theater products varied according to customer tastes and specifications. Notably, for the first time in the world, LGE introduced its home theater systems with wireless speakers.

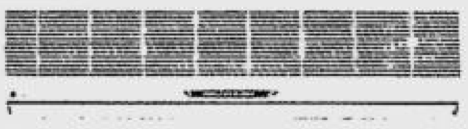


This is the heart of the Digital Home Network. The LG Internet Refrigerator isn't your ordinary refrigerator as it is equipped with an LCD TV, mp3 player, digital/video camera, and more. Of course, you can surf the internet on its easy-to-use wide 15.1" soft touch monitor. Loved ones can leave audio or video messages as well as it is equipped with a high performance microphone. Four high-quality speakers allow you to enjoy listening to music while in the kitchen. The monitor can be tilted for optimum vision.

From the internet refrigerator you can control the whole digital network—from the microwave, to the washing machine, and air-conditioning system. You can also check the inventory and freshness/expiry dates of food in your refrigerator from your PC! And if supported, you might even be able to shop for groceries online! How's that for convenience?

Of course, the LG Internet Refrigerator is capable of even cooling for every item inside and it has digitally-controlled 7 sensors closely interact with microcomputer mounted. PCB which detects and controls temperature effectively and precisely. Cantilevered tempered glass shelves that allows the accommodations of food of any size.

The refrigerator comes with an ice and water dispenser and it has a premium built-in water purifying system by CUNO to ensure that you and your family has the cleanest water and ice possible.



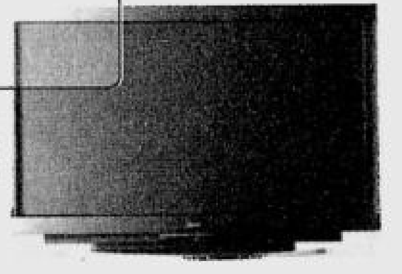
Falling under the category of LG's Digital Home Network, the Internet Air-Conditioner—as with other products in the Digital Home Network, the Internet Air-conditioner allows for remote access via the Internet or through your cellular phone. The unit has remote monitoring and self-diagnosis functions. The LG Internet Airconditioner can diagnose its operation status and see if any malfunctions arise and be made known to the user and the LG Cyber Service Center—here, there are people who can assist you troubleshoot your air-conditioner when needed.

This technology allows more safety for the user and a quick repair for the machine in case of malfunction.

In the development of this product, 40 researchers took 3 years and registered over 170 patents. The Internet Air-conditioner also uses an RC232C communications port and Internet browser IOP (I-@ble Operation Program) developed by LG Electronics.

Users can connect the Airconditioner to the Internet Fridge or standard PC via the cable provided. After registering in the DreamLG website, the owner has access to various features like remote control, monitoring, and self-diagnosis. Users can also have the chance to download various operating programs. These programs allow the unit to select different cooling methods suited for the number of people, or if the need for concentrated cooling in a certain area of the home.

As the world's largest Air-conditioning manufacturer (with 4.1 million units in 2001), LG believes that this technology will further distance itself from its competitors.



LG Electronics proudly claims to be the global leader in the Digital TV market as it introduces the world's largest 71-inch Giant Plasma Display Panel(PDP)!

LG's PDP boasts of the highest level of brightness and contrast (1,000 candela, 1,200:1 contrast ratio) in the industry with its new advanced module. It employs the XDRpro technology, LG's proprietary digital picture quality-enhancing engine, considered a revolutionary innovation in picture quality enhancement. In addition to these, after developing the world's first 60-inch PDP in 1998, LGE now introduces the world's largest-ever TV, the 71-inch Giant PDP, and proudly displays its technological prowess in the PDP industry.

At the on-site tour of the 2nd phase PDP production line, LGE demonstrated that it is capable of producing more than 600,000 units per year, and presented the company vision to claim the top global position in the PDP industry by year 2005.

In line with the connectivity of the Digital Home Network, the PDP could also serve as the gateway of the whole system similar to the Internet refrigerator.

THE LG EXPERIENCE AT THE SHANG

Witness as LG Turns Digital Dreams into reality! Get to see the Digital Home Network in action from July 25-31 at the Shangri-la Plaza Mall! This exciting exhibit will feature the amazing Digital Home Network—everything from the Internet Refrigerator to the Microwave, washing machine and the Airconditioner as well as the latest high-end products. The world's slimmest projection TV, Digital Light Processing (DLP) TVs, LCD Projectors, LCD TVs, DVD recorders, with HDD, Discrete 7.1 channel DVD Home Cinema and wireless home cinema system utilizing Bluetooth technology will also be highlighted at the affair. Live product demonstrations will take place on July 28, 2003 at 10 am coinciding with LG's 2003 Dealer's Convention. Bearing the theme, ***Turning Digital Dreams into reality,*** LG dealers and guests will get a taste of the power of the LG Digital Home Network firsthand at the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel. The convention also features a live performance by a celebrity guest.

All these thrilling events showcase LG's commitment in constantly innovating and revolutionizing the home as we know it and bringing to life what we could have only imagined in our dream home.

For more information on LG Digital Home Network log on to www.dreamlg.com.

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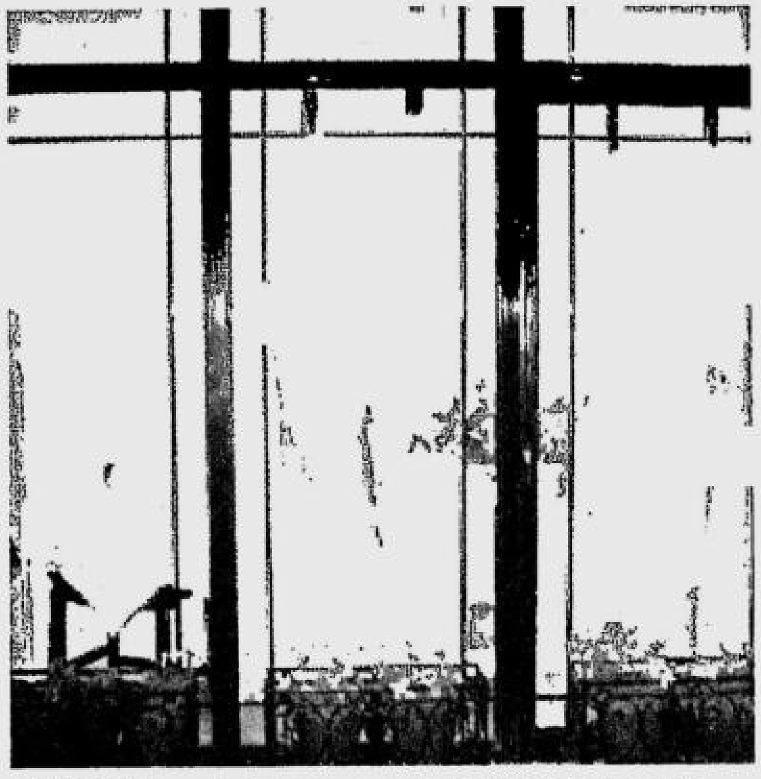

SHANGHAI Surprise 2—Cocoon, owned by Helen Delgado and Doris Ho, in chic and hip Xintiandi area in Shanghai

Cocooning in Shanghai, falling out of Bed

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gle, here's the one!

The return of the fanny pack! It made its stellar debut last year via the series "Sex and the City," but it's making a major comeback. This year's fanny pack is less lumpy and bulky, more jet-setter than touristy. Designers have turned it around into a stylish and sleek accessory that isn't embarrassing to wear to go shopping or even partying. What can it hold? Your wallet, keys, a cell phone and altoids.

Must-watch TV—"Amazing Race 4." Been glued to the TV every weekend to see "Amazing Race 4," which to me is the most exciting reality adventure show on TV at the moment. Thank God there is no one as irritating as last year's winner, Flo.

But although there are cool characters this year, they are not as interesting or as funny as last year's. They even have a clown this year, but he is so-so. The closest person to come close to Flo is Millie of the Virgin team, who recently got eliminated.

I was wondering if maybe someone in the Department of Tourism could contact these people to have them come here next year. That would be fun—they could get stuck in traffic, get lost in Quiapo or the Virra Mall *tiangge* area, eat *balut* or sell taho. I think that would be great. Paging **Dick Gordon**!

The return of the Macho Man. If you are old enough to remember the Village People, Halston, Rolling Stones, Studio 54 or, in our case, Stargazer, VST & Co. and Wherelse, then it may be a welcome relief to know that the Macho Man look is back!

In Gucci's F/W 2003 collection, **Tom Ford** brought back the look by showcasing close-fitting jackets and knitwear and tight trousers. All this must be worn with an attitude, a sexy swagger and the all-important moustache.

What happened to Martha? Martha Stewart was the epitome of fine domestic taste in the '80s. But this year, she faces a suit in connection with alleged insider trading in her own firm.

I recently saw a TV movie on her life, and if reports are true, she seems one shrewd lady. In the last scene of the movie, Martha (played by **Cybill Shepherd**) leaves the courthouse and chances upon a market where people console her.

I think the majority of Americans and those who like her don't really care about her crime, only that she has helped people out. She may have had a miserable life, but she sure has made great floral arrangements, desserts and home decorating.

I've received several e-mails parodying her situation. The mails were meant for fun and not to be taken seriously. Whatever your take on this matter is, know this—if she does end up in jail, she sure will have the best-looking cell.

Louie Y's Disco—One night only. On Aug. 2, all doors will lead to Hyatt Hotel on Roxas Boulevard because, for one night only, the legendary disco Louie Y's returns. If you were born in that era and are longing for days of yore (think: '80s glam, shoulder pads, punk rock, **Madonna**), then you can't miss this one.

Now, for the uninitiated, Louie Y, named after nightlife king **Louie Ysmael**, was the disco/bar to see and be seen in.

It will surely be one of the parties of the year and one of the grandest reunions of the '80s generation. The affair is strictly invitational, so if you get an invite—it's a must that you show up!

Do you want to go to Bed? That's the favorite question of gays, bis, and "try-sexuals" (as in "try everything"—a line from "Sex and the City").

Bed is the latest "gay" nightspot in Malate, which on any given weekend is packed with the most colorful and buffed-up people in Manila. A certain habitue told me, "It's great that there is a gay disco here to just let go."

And let go is what people do. You will see the place packed with men with no shirts, holding hands or kissing. It is not exempt from controversies either. One Malate diva was not let in because he wore sandals (but they were Hermes!).

Which directs me to my question. Gays are still a minority in the Philippines and are still looked down in certain sectors. To have a door policy in a disco/bar requiring people to take off their shirts (some need to put them back on) and where certain guests are let in wearing sandals because they know the owners is hypocrisy.

More important, this is relaxed and bohemian Malate, a place that welcomes all characters. It is not Makati or, more precisely, Greenbelt Mall, which has a dress code.

Now here's my take on this. Every bar, restaurant, etc., has a shelf life. Inconsistencies in admission policies in an establishment with aggressive bouncers (and with rules like you can't exit through the entrance but must go out through a stinky, dark staircase) will not sit well for long.

My advice: Ease up on the rules, don't be arrogant or take yourself too seriously; enjoy the popularity of the bar and do not discriminate!

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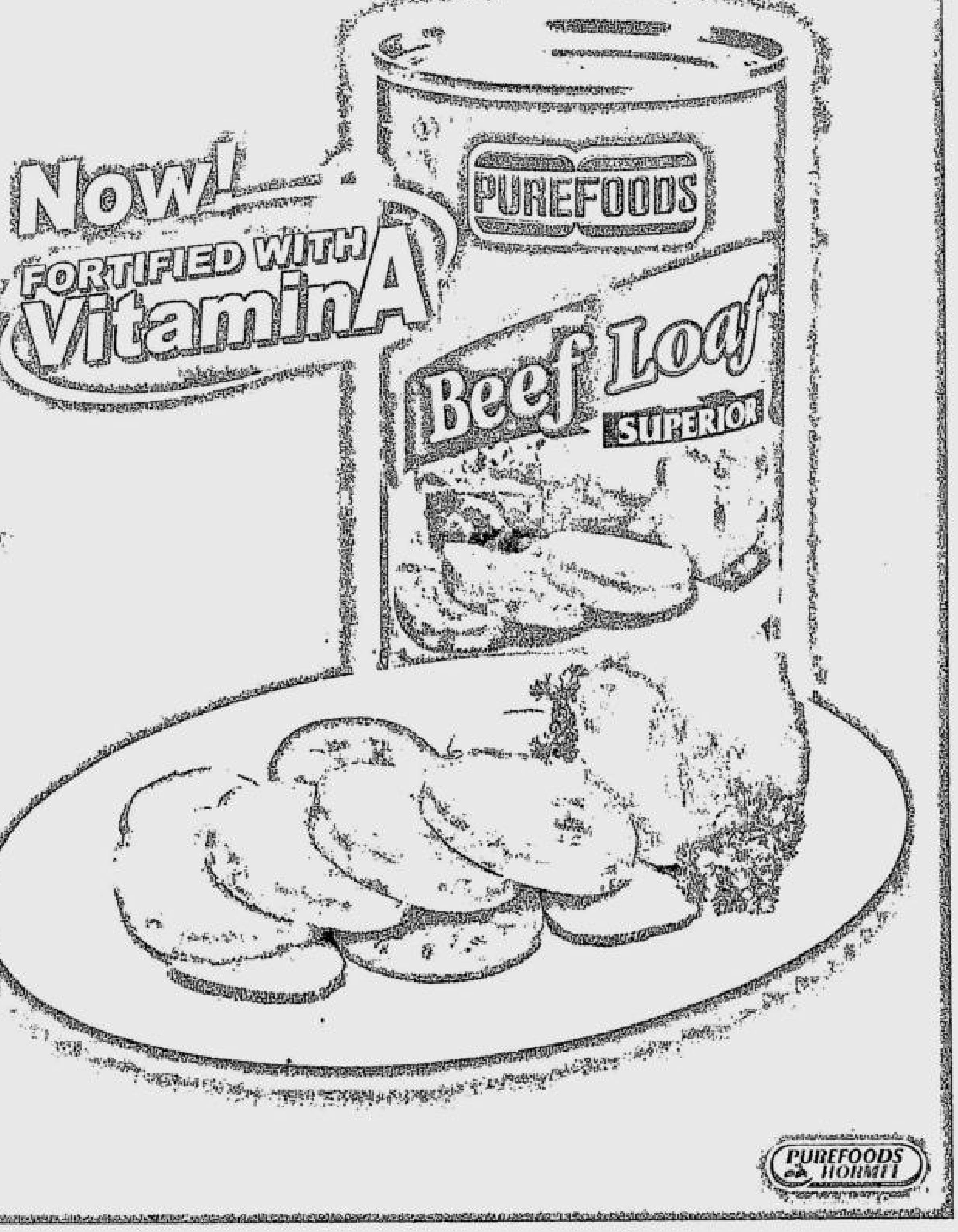

Sunday LIFESTYLE

TRADITIONAL Thai massage at Chiva-Som Health Resort in Thailand

People who say a great spa excites the senses will most likely find what they're looking for in Thailand

In the lap of luxury and bliss

By Vangie Baga-Reyes

THAILAND seems to be fast becoming the "health holiday" capital of the world. Some of the finest health spas are found in Thailand. No matter how refined and luxurious some of them may be, they all have a fresh, friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Spa-holics often say a great spa should excite your senses and make you feel special. It does not need to dazzle with its design and décor. Rather, it should be welcoming, sparklingly clean, comfortable and inviting.

At least two Thai spas fit the bill—the Lanna Spa and Chiva-Som.

Luxurious Lanna

The Regent Chiang Mai Resort and Spa is uniquely located, nestled in the Mae Rim Valley of northern Thailand. The resort's Lanna Spa is a place for staying away from the rest of the world—briefly.

On our way there, I overheard one companion say that if there's one place where you were guaranteed to get a decent massage, it's Chiang Mai, as this was where they trained all the best masseurs.

"We believe people today want and need more bliss in their lives," says Michael Kemp, general manager of The Regent Chiang Mai. "So we do our best to provide the bliss to our guests."

Kemp adds that nearly 50 percent of the resort's spa clients are Europeans, 15 percent Americans, 15 percent Japanese, and the rest a mix of Chinese and locals.

Lanna, the spa's name, literally means "the land of a million rice fields". Much of Chiang Mai still grows the staple.

The spa, which opened three years ago, offers almost 30 treatments including several for the hair and face.

"The treatments are inspired by ancient Thai rituals using herbs, spices and aromatic oils sourced from traditional rural origins," says Somock Inthavong, the resort manager.

Housed in a three-story villa, Lanna has seven suites, each with its own changing and shower facilities. There are also outdoor showers, herbal steam rooms and rain-shower massage tables, making the spa perfect for those seeking bliss.

The Lanna Spa interiors are beautifully finished. Local teak is used extensively, especially in the waxed and polished floors, majestic doors and a spiral staircase leading to the penthouse.

Treatments include: massage (Traditional Thai, Aromatic, Reflexology), herbal aromatic retreats (Romance, Rejuvenator, Energizer, Recovery), skin scrubs (Rice and Spice, Honey Seed Rub, Lanna Herbal Body Polish), body wraps (Clay Body Masque, Aloe & Lavender, Natural Thai Herbs), Thai herbal facials (Lanna Herbal Facial, Mineral Clay) and salon treatments (Wild Lime Hair Care, Prai Hair Treatment). Prices for each treatment range from US$60 to US$195.

Rejuvenating

Of the services offered, I chose Oriental Blend, a combination of Thai massage and aromatherapy. The amiable receptionist gives every guest a much-appreciated cold washcloth and refreshing glass of cold tea.

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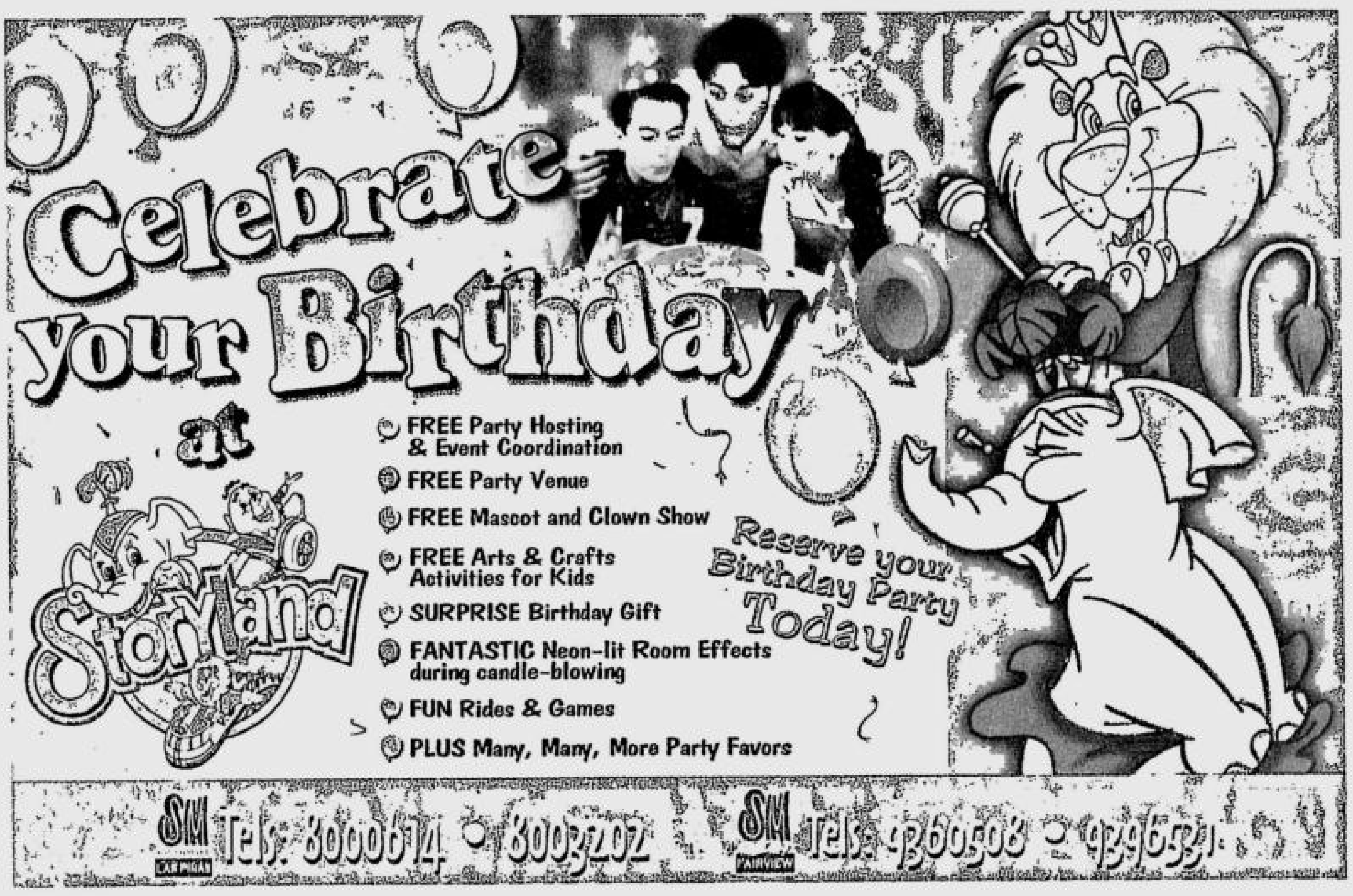

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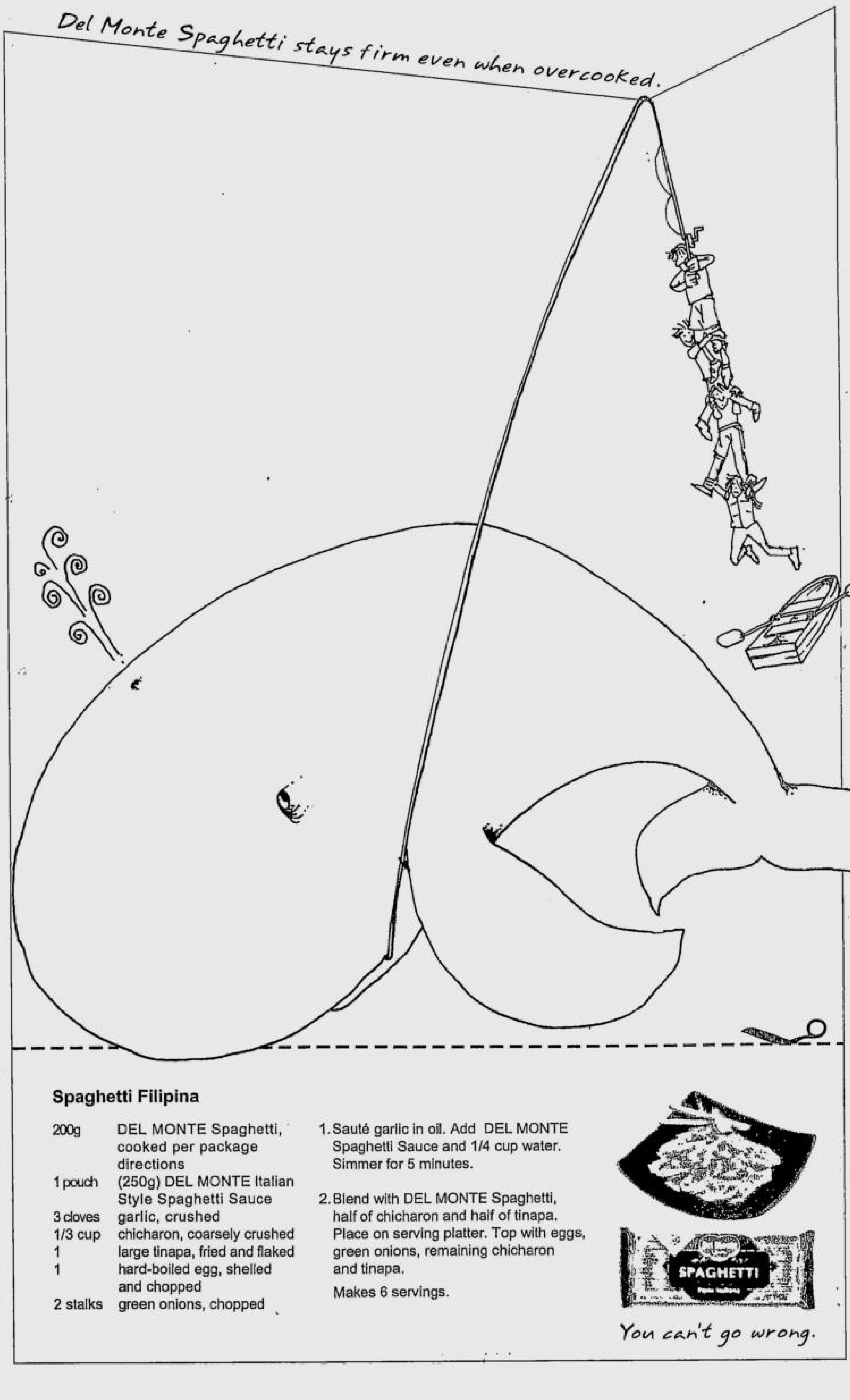

Del Monte Spaghetti stays firm even when overcooked.

Spaghetti Filipina

200g DEL MONTE Spaghetti, cooked per package directions
1 pouch (250g) DEL MONTE Italian Style Spaghetti Sauce
3 cloves garlic, crushed
1/3 cup chicharon, coarsely crushed
1 large tinapa, fried and flaked
1 hard-boiled egg, shelled and chopped
2 stalks green onions, chopped

1. Sauté garlic in oil. Add DEL MONTE Spaghetti Sauce and 1/4 cup water. Simmer for 5 minutes.
2. Blend with DEL MONTE Spaghetti, half of chicharon and half of tinapa. Place on serving platter. Top with eggs, green onions, remaining chicharon and tinapa.

Makes 6 servings.

SPAGHETTI

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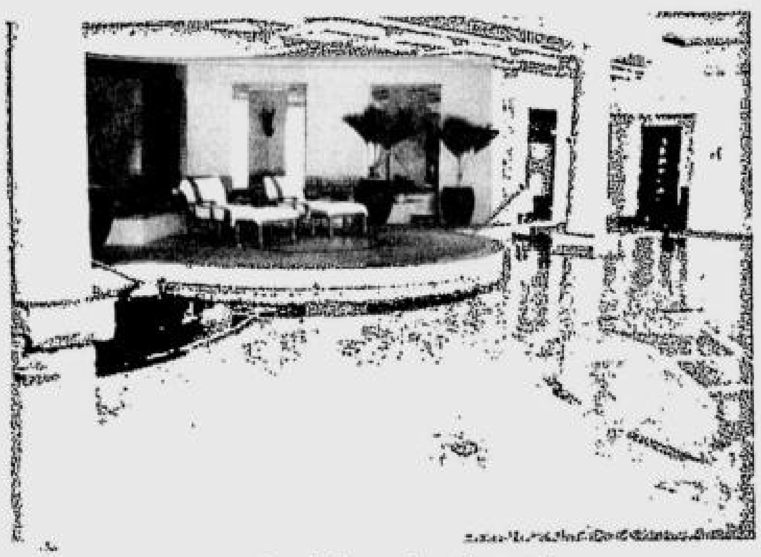
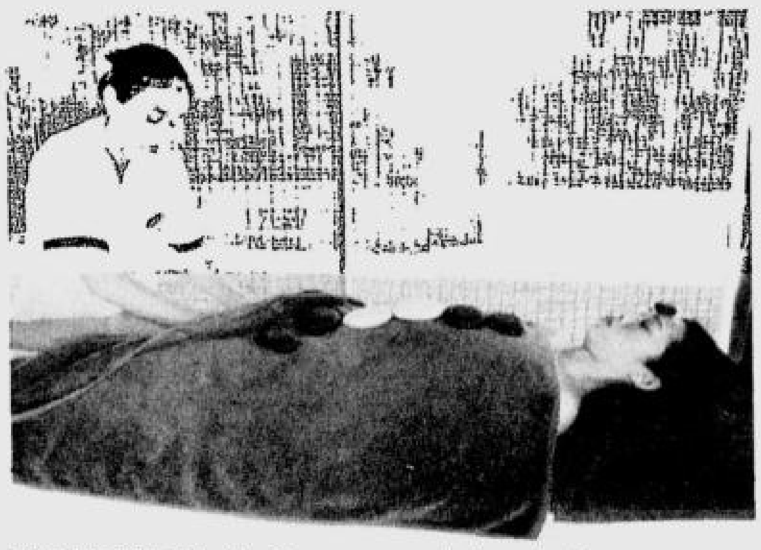


CHIVA-SOM ultra-modern indoor swimming pool

BEFORE a relaxing massage, dip into a heated jacuzzi at Chiva-Som.



THE ANCIENT Healing Stones massage helps calm the senses.

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medical-history questionnaire before they are quietly led to one of seven treatment rooms.

As soon as the door closes, you immediately get a feeling of serenity and well-being. The scent of aromatherapy oils, the softly-lit room and gentle music immediately relax you. Fresh flowers, candles, essential oil burners and herbal teas are thoughtful touches. The room is very conducive to relaxing and falling asleep —much like a "de-stressing" chamber.

Although you're provided a robe and slippers, you don't wear them during the treatments. You can wear a pair of disposable undies. But the therapists are very discreet, of course, and any part of the body that doesn't have to be exposed is covered with a cloth.

Your feet are cleaned first with warm water infused with rose petals. As your feet are gently washed with a sponge, you can sit back on the cozy sofa tranquilly sipping a cup of lemongrass tea.

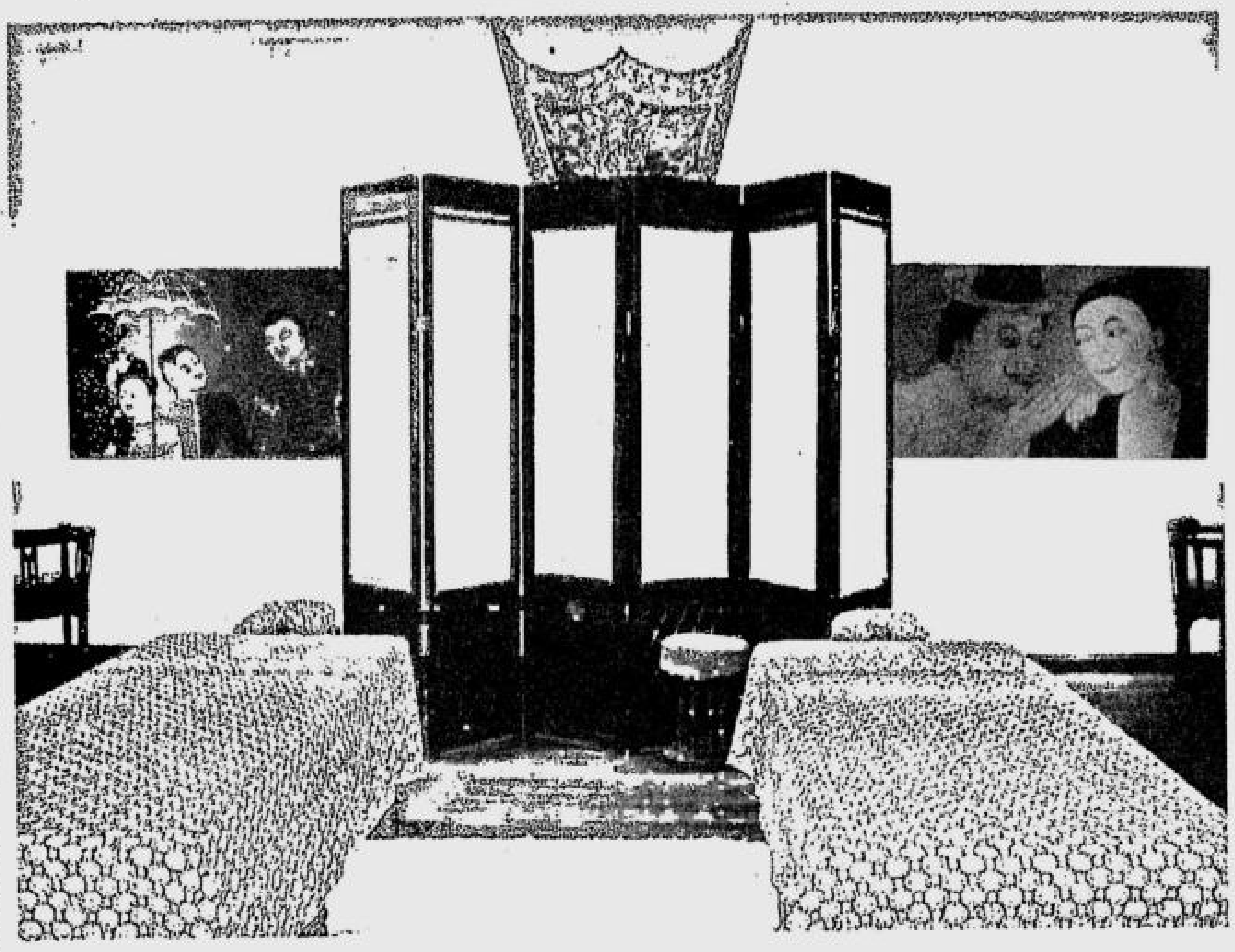
The masseuse then makes you choose from the aromatic oils in slim, colorful bottles. The blue bottle contains the Ylang Ylang, which has a soft floral fragrance and is a soothing stimulant. Lemongrass oil, with a fresh grassy citrus fragrance that's refreshing and rejuvenating, is in a yellow bottle.

The nutmeg oil in a green bottle has a warm spicy scent and is known to relieve fatigue and muscular ailments. In an orange container is Prai, a member of the ginger family, which has a sweet woody fragrance and nourishes the skin.

I opted for the nutmeg oil.

Sangwan, my 43-year-old masseuse, "read" my body the way a fortuneteller reads palms. Sangwan undid all the knots in my neck, shoulders and lower back. Masseuses at Lanna Spa are mostly women, but they are very strong and well-trained.

I drifted in and out of consciousness for a 60 blissful minutes. Never has my body been rubbed in such an indulgent manner and luxurious setting.



LANNA Spa features single and double-bed suites, each with its own changing and shower facilities.

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Haven of Life

In terms of size, decadence and spare-no-expense luxury, the Chiva-Som International Health Resort is without rival in Thailand.

Located in Hua Hin, its a three-hour drive from the Bangkok international airport.

It is a haven near the ocean where you can retreat to focus totally on your well-being, to completely refresh and renew, or address any particular health or lifestyle concerns.

You don't go to Chiva-Som simply to look good and feel relaxed even just for a moment. Built eight years ago, Chiva-Som's goal is to make people actually "feel good inside out."

"It's all about balance," says Rhett Pickering, Chiva-Som spa manager. "We believe that a healthy, enjoyable and successful life entails harmony among mind, body and spirit. Here, we recommend a program that incorporates various holistic health, spa and fitness treatments, creating a synergy to promote inner health, outer beauty, and a greater sense of well-being."

Chiva-Som (meaning "haven of life") has been rated twice by Conde Nast as the No. 1 health resort. "Here, they come to a place where they know they can have privacy and comfort and be nurtured mentally and spiritually, which most people in a stressed state like to have."

On arrival, guests discuss with a qualified health advisor the best treatments and activities to achieve the desired goals—overall fitness; stress reduction, weight loss, or simply relaxation.

According to Pickering, Europeans make up the majority of guests, followed by the Americans who usually stay for a week, and Asians who spend three or four nights at the spa.

With over 150 treatments, activities and other services to choose from, a guest can feel overwhelmed. Throughout the day at Chiva-Som, a variety of exercise classes are offered for free—stretch class, beach power walk, Pilates, aqua aerobics, Qi Gong, yoga, meditation and Tai Chi. But the spa is the highlight of a visit.

The sleek and modern spa has separate treatments and lounges for men and women, and has well-appointed changing rooms, saunas, steam rooms, jacuzzis, cool plunge pools and relaxation lounges overlooking landscaped courtyards.

Chiva-Som has taken the best massages from different cultures. Its specialty massages such as shiatsu, deep tissue, hot stones, Royal Thai acupressure, Thai herbal, lymphatic, and South Indian body pampering are supposed to achieve very specific results.

There are also specific massages for feet, head, back and shoulders. Ayurveda, an ancient method of healing practiced throughout India for thousands of years, is also offered.

There are more than 40 treatment rooms, and an extensive choice of body scrubs and wraps, beauty and water treatments. A blissful hydrotherapy treatment can be experienced in the open, tiled flotation pool.

There are Oriental treatments that are supposed to promote the healing process. The Thai *chi nei tsang*, an internal-organs massage, is recommended for clients suffering from digestive and excretory problems and bloating.

I chose the signature Chiva-Som massage, which is based on the classic Swedish method. The massage aims to increase blood circulation and lymphatic flow. It is ideal for muscular tension, aches, pains and general relaxation.

The massage took about an hour or so. I had difficulty getting up because I actually fell asleep again with the aromatherapy.

Truly, everything in Lanna Spa and Chiva-som is designed to make one feel good.

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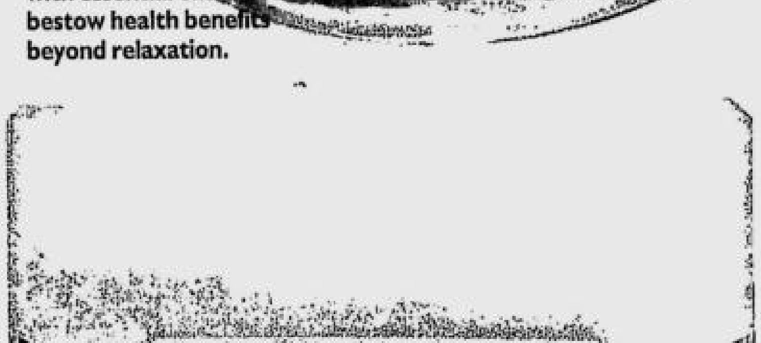
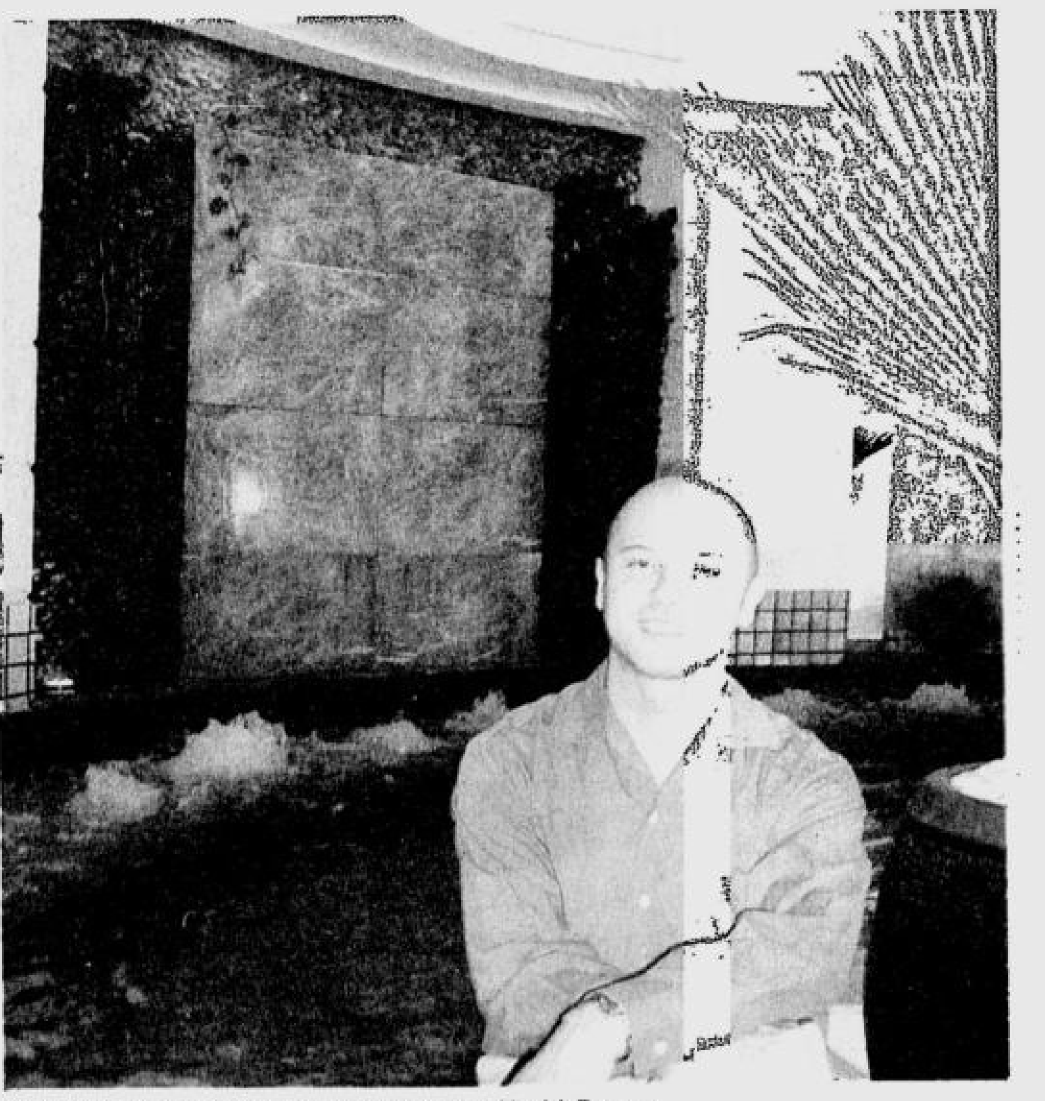
GUESTS are encouraged to linger at Lanna Spa's lavish lounge before and after treatments.



SHOES are left at the entrance of Lanna Spa to keep the place clean, holy and sacred—sort of.



RHETT Pickering, spa manager at Chiva-Som Health Resort.

Feting the fourth of July

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

JULY 4 at the US Chancery proved more entertaining than usual with **Raul Roco** pressing flesh all around while **Danding Cojuangco** stood and waited for people to come and greet him.

Interesting difference in style, wouldn't you say?

Of course, there was **FVR**, and CFSI board member **Shiela Platt**, who came with **Tessie Luz**; members of the diplomatic corps such as Canadian Ambassador **Robert Collette**, French Ambassador **Renee Veyret**, Israeli Ambassador **Irit Ben Abba**, Swiss Ambassador **Lise Favre** and New Zealand's Ambassador **Terry Baker**.

And let's not forget our Vice President, **Teofisto Guingona**, who, as unscheduled speaker, gave a sermon longer than Foreign Affairs Undersecretary **Delia Albert**'s and US Ambassador **Francis Ricciardone**'s, and chose the occasion to remind one and all that we are not vassals! This, after the US envoy asked guests to greet the VP and presented him with a cake!

Needless to say, the chancery was overflowing with political faces, like Senate President **Franklin Drilon**, MMDA's **Bayani Fernando**, Executive Secretary **Bert Romulo**, ex-senator **Kit Tatad**, Sen. **Loi Estrada** (has she sponsored any bills?) and, naturally, all kinds of military faces, but I won't bore you with their names. Yes, elections are coming.

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The French, being interested in all things cultural, has awarded talented Filipino designer **Lulu Tan Gan** the Chevalier D' Arts et Lettres medal for her efforts in sending deserving Filipino designers to show their work at the yearly international competition of young designers in Paris.

French Ambassador Renee Veyret did the honors at her residence. Mme. Ambassador sported a simple but *tres* elegant steel grey gown that fairly screamed "couture."

Those two delicious cousins, **Tessa Valdes** and **Leica Carpo**, who take such delight in clothes, were obviously enjoying modeling their soignée outfits.

Anton San Diego was also there, as were Trade Undersecretary **Fe Reyes**, **Irene Francisco**, **Mia Borromeo**, **Maurice Arcache** (natch), CB Governor **Paeng Buenaventura** with partner **Marivic Rufino**, **Benedicte Meyssan** of the Embassy and young designers **Tonichi Nocum**, **Jojie Lloren** and **Dong Omaga-Diaz**.

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The Catholic Women's Club's Annual Tea, with the theme "We R Family," filled the main lounge of the Polo Club with members and guests enjoying the *palabas* cooked up by **Mellie Ablaza** and **Sol Tan Gatue**, which had **Lisa Macuja-Elizalde** and **Osias Barroso** of Ballet Manila dancing a marvellous "Le Corsaire" pas de deux.

This was followed by a mini fashion show titled "I Love Grandma," with CWC members as models in black-and-white creations by master couturier **Ben Farrales**.

Then came **Jose Mari Chan**, who brought back memories of youth and thrilled all the *lolas* with his rendition of "A Certain Smile."

The event closed with another parade of members and their families in international costumes.

A big round of applause then to **Alice Briones**, president of CWC, **Letty Syquia**, who chaired the Annual Tea assisted by co-chair **Tessie Amparo**, and all the ladies who contributed time and effort to the cause.

US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone, Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Delia Albert and Archbishop Antonio Franco sing "Happy Birthday" to Vice President Teofisto Guingona.

MELLIE Ablaza, Tereret Liboro, Ben Farrales and Olga Martel, all in Farrales creations

FRENCH Ambassador Renee Veyret and Lulu Tan Gan BETOY JOHNSON

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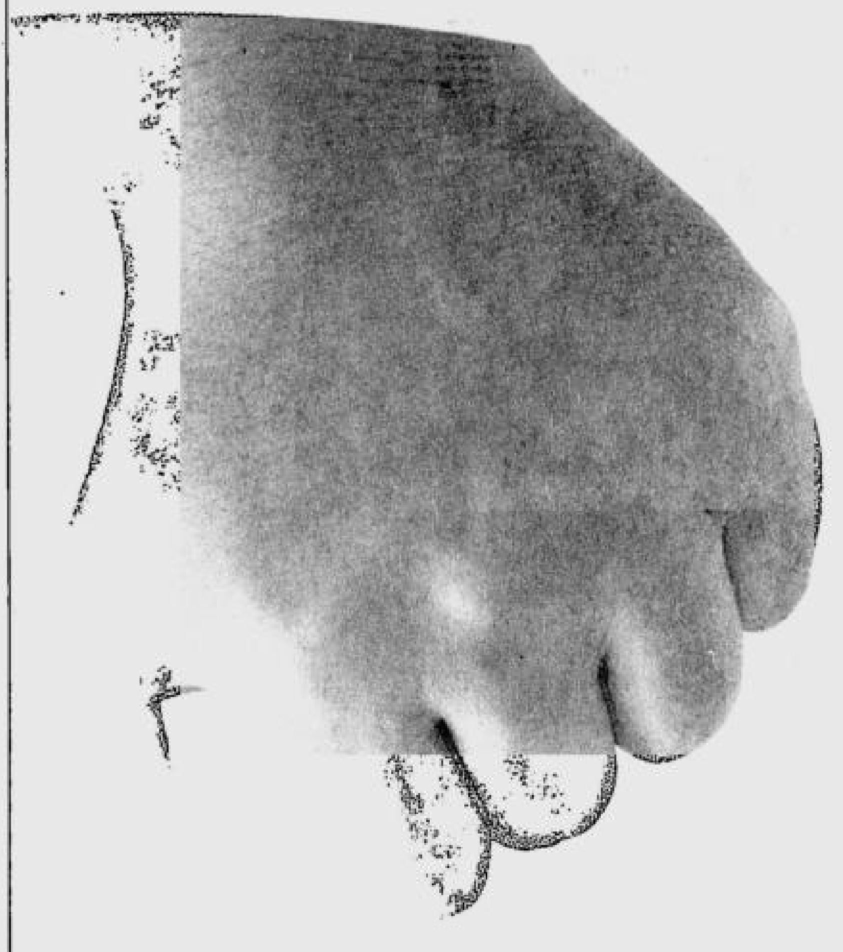

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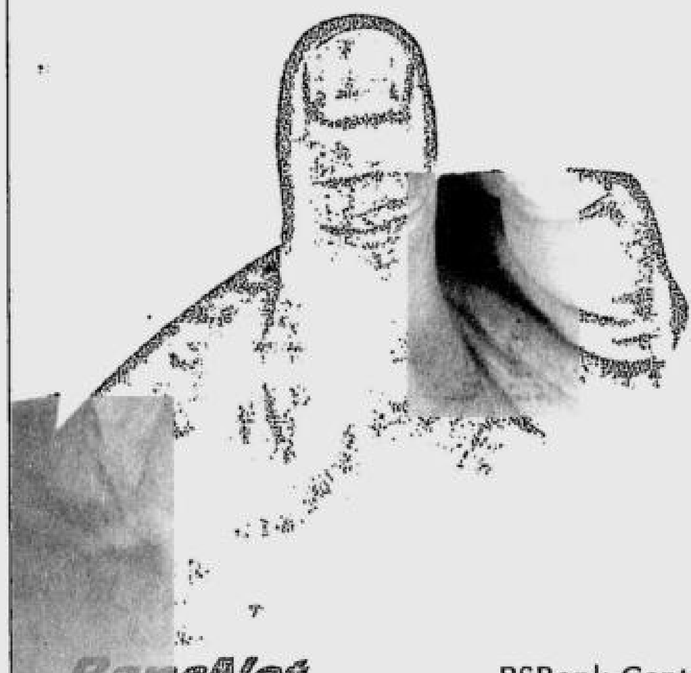

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998 Josefina III St., Sampaloc, Manila
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Aboitiz Transport Group

FIXED ASSET SUPERVISOR

Handles Asset Management, Motor Car Insurance Management, Water Distribution Graduate of BS Accountancy, Industrial engineering or Mathematics course

With at least 1 year work experience.
Preferably Male & Single.
25 - 30 years oldManagement, Oracle Asset System Application & Usage, and Record Management

RETAIL SALES COORDINATOR

Assists in maintaining and soliciting potential accounts thru telemarketing. Assists in issuing tickets and coordinates closely with other business units & "Sail Away" partners to ensure smooth delivery of service.

Graduate of Management, Marketing or any business courses.
Marketing and Sales experience an advantage/Fresh Graduates are welcome to Apply.
Pleasant and Amiable; Commands Respect.
Male, preferably Single.
20 - 25 years old.

HELPDESK ASSOCIATE

Provide first level support to employee concern and queries.

Graduate of BS Psychology or other Behavioral Science courses.
Background in Customer Service is an advantage.
Physically fit and can work under pressure.
Preferrable single.
Not more than 28 years old.
Female

CUSTOMER SERVICE PRO

The Customer Service PRO assists in projecting the desired corporate image through efficient handling of telephone/email inquiries, reservations, & complaints.

Any 4 year course.
Experience in Customer Service job (an advantage)
Customer-oriented, patient, cand handle stress effectively, able to work long hours, smart.

JR. CONSULTANT

The work entails conducting survey interviews (data gathering) all over the Philippines: Encoding, consolidation and analysis of financial and non-financial data; report writing; and presentation of results to business units.

With a degree in Industrial Engineering, Marketing Management, Business Management, BS-Math, Statistics, Economics or other related courses.

Some Experience in financial analysis and marketing or research work.

Fresh Graduates are welcome to apply.

Likes interacting with different kinds of people, team player, enjoys field work, fluent in English, and adept in MS application and Page Maker.

AREA HR SPECIALIST

The Specialist will be covering the major areas in the countries, handling all HR concerns and implementation of HR initiatives of the branch.

Experienced HR professionals. They are equipped with the necessary skill and experienced to deliver required service.

CORPORATE FINANCIAL SUPERVISOR

Prepares monthly general admin and terminal operating expenses analysis, CAPEX monitoring, involved in budget preparation.

CPA
At least 1 year experience as a supervisor, handling Financial Management Reporting and Financial Analysis/Studies (Preferable with experience in Financial Planning and Control/Budgeting)
Physically Fit: Can work longer hours when needed
Single or Married
25 - 30 years old
Male or Female

TRAFFIC COORDINATOR

Validates PBL,Collect billing attachment and Coordinates Cargo Acceptance.

Graduate of any 4 year course
Must be computer literate
Preferrably single
22-27 years old
Male

PRICING AND YIELD MANAGEMENT

The pricing and Yield analyst is responsible for preparing the yield management and disseminating rates for both the decision requirements of management and use of the domestic shipping market; monitoring and analysis of production of accounts and route profit abilities as a supplement for revenue management, identify and recommends alternatives for temporary or complete loss of vessel routes; prepares documents for market segment analysis to supplement decision in evaluating special arrangement proposals; maintains record & desseminates information on pricing-yield and other matters pertaining to revenue generation synergistic to the mission and goals of the organization.

BS Mathematics, BS Statistics or Industrial Engineering Graduate; At least 1 year working experience with account management preferably; with mastery of at least Microsoft Excel; Preferably Single; 25-35 ; Male/Female

CARGO DOCUMENTATION ANALYST

Will be responsible for BL preparation and clearing, manifesting and cashiering

Graduate of any 4 year business course with computer related studies; Presentable; SINGLE; 20 - 25 years old; Male/Female.

BRANCH MANAGER

Will be responsible for the effective administration of the branch: revenue generation, operational efficiency, cost effectiveness, resource management, Wil be mainly responsible for the operation of Passage and Freight Services

Experience in the shipping Industry a Must.

Possesses excellent Communication skills,Leadership & People Skills, & Customer Service Skills
Must be physically fit
Single or Married
30 years old and above.

We will not entertain walk-in applicants

Send your Resume & Transcript of Records to:
11th floor Times Plaza Bldg.,
UN Ave., cor Taft Ave., Manila

CERAMIC PLAZA INC. | Federal HARDWARE

JOIN OUR YEAR 2003 EXPANSION PROGRAM! We are opening new branches this year. We need dynamic, aggressive individuals who will fill in the following vacancies:

Store Managers

- Male/Female; not more than 33 years old
- Graduate of any 4 or 5 year course from a reputable university
- Preferably with experience in managerial/supervisory position, gained from a Do-It-Yourself hardware and retail stores
- Capable of handling more than 50 personnel
- Highly dependable and can work under pressure
- Result-oriented; highly motivated; a team player
- Willing to work even during extended hours
- Good in both oral and written communication
- With pleasing personality

Store Supervisors

- Male/Female; not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of any 4 or 5 year course from a reputable university
- With at least 1 year experience in supervisory position preferably gained from a Do-It-Yourself hardware and other retail stores
- Capable of handling at least 20 personnel
- Highly dependable; can work under pressure
- Assertive; self-starter; decisive
- Willing to work even during extended hours
- With pleasing personality
- Good in both oral and written communication

Training Officer

- Male/Female; 25-28 yrs. old
- Graduate of BS Education or BS Psychology
- Preferably with 2 years. experience in teaching and/or conducting technical and behavioral training
- Good in both oral and written communication
- With strong leadership ability and can relate to all levels in the organization

Marketing Assistant

- Male/Female; not more than 28 yrs. old
- Graduate of Marketing, Advertising or Mass Communication from a reputable university
- Preferably with at least 1 year working experience in design and/or implementation of either Marketing Promotions Programs, Advertising Campaigns or Events/PR Management. Experience in the retail industry is an advantage.
- Proficient with the use of computer applications, particularly MS Office. Knowledge in the use of CorelDraw and/or Adobe Photoshop is an advantage.
- With excellent communication skills for both oral and written using the English language.
- Willing to travel and work even in extended hours if required

Interior Designers

- Female, single 22-28 years old
- Graduate of Interior design course
- At least 5'4" in height
- With at least one year experience in designing/layout
- Proficient in Computer application, familiar with MSOffice, specifically PowerPoint
- With good command with English language
- Willing to undergo training in customer service and sales
- Very pleasing personality

Cashiers

- Female, single, not more than 30 years old
- At least 5'2" in height
- Graduate of any 4 year course from a reputable university
- Experience in cashiering is an advantage
- With pleasing personality

Sales Executives

- Male and Female, Single, not more than 30 years old
- At least 5'6 in height for male and 5'2 in height for female
- Graduate of any 4 or 5 year course from a reputable university
- Preferably with experience in sales
- With excellent communication skills and interpersonal relations
- With pleasing personality

All applicants must be willing to undergo training and be assigned in any of the following areas:
Manila, Pasay, Makati, QC., Parañque, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa, Pasig, Marikina, Rizal, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac, Laguna

All applicants must bring their comprehensive resume with 2x2 picture and a copy of their transcript of records

Applicants are requested to come in proper business attire from Monday-Friday at 9AM to 3PM at
2250 Don Chino Roces Avenue (Pasong Tamo), Makati City

NEW GRADUATES ARE WELCOME TO APPLY

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

(Private/Commercial Sector)

An international organization has an immediate need for a **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (Private/Commercial Sector)** who will be responsible for promoting the expanded provision of family planning services, as well as HIV/AIDS/STD services and tuberculosis diagnosis and prevention utilizing private/commercial sector approaches; will establish goals for action, monitor progress, and recommend changes as needed; serve as the manager of selected private/commercial sector project interventions in family planning and health; coordinate inputs from other team members and stakeholders into the design of activities and will ensure that all implementing agents are in place; evaluate/monitor public sector policies affecting the private/commercial sector; keep all team members and stakeholders informed of the latest changes in national and local level laws and systems relative to the private/commercial sector delivery of family planning and other health services. He/She must have excellent coordination with senior government and private/commercial sector officials regarding programs and projects as well as giving assistance to other Specialists whose activities have substantial private/commercial sector involvement. A formal education in a field relevant to commercial health systems such as health or hospital administration, public or business administration, marketing, and/ or economics is required; Ph.D., MA, MBA, MS, MPH, and other post-graduate degrees will be considered but appointment will normally require demonstrated ability to perform at the senior level. Six to eight years of progressively responsible, professional level experience in private/commercial health care institutions or health-related commercial activities is highly desirable. Proficiency in the use of computers (Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint, e-mail, internet, etc.) and excellent human relations and interpersonal skills are required.

Competitive salary (including mid-year and year-end bonuses), health and life insurance, and a retirement plan are offered.

Interested persons should send their application letter and comprehensive resumé, not later than **August 08, 2003** to:

Human Resources Division
P.O. Box EA 423
1000 Ermita, Manila

WANTED

5 ACCOUNTING STAFF

- Knowledgeable in computer software and accounting applications.
- High aptitude and keen interest in information technology.

2 AUDITORS

- Preferably with experience.
- Accounting graduate.
- Able to work with minimum supervision.
- Proficient in word and excel.

The requirement is urgent, hence, starting July 21, 2003, interested parties may bring their resumé at Unit 2106, 88 Corporate Center, Valero corner Sedeño Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati City. Tel. No. 830-2033.

TQ3 TRAVEL SOLUTIONS

The travel industry is getting back on its feet and there are increasing opportunities for growth now. Our company is seeking individuals who have the experience and expertise in the travel field.

TQ3 Travel Solutions is the leading provider of quality, innovative travel expense management solutions to companies worldwide. With system-wide revenues in excess of US$9 billion, TQ3 operates 1,600 locations in over 70 countries.

TARIFF AND RATES MANAGER

College graduate; should possess strong leadership and management skills; minimum 5 years of experience including international routing and fares, as well as Caribbean and European tours and cruises; have a bright and upbeat attitude and great work habits; resourceful in undertaking assignment; has the ability to work under pressure and within tight schedule/deadline

SALES AND MARKETING EXECUTIVES

Bachelor's degree in business, sales or marketing or equivalent training in business or sales management; not more than 35 years old; 7+ years of experience in product sales with at least two years experience in sales management; excellent time management, communications, decision making; human relations, presentation and organizational skills; professional appearance and presentation required

TOURS AND CRUISE SPECIALIST

College graduate; should possess strong leadership and management skills; minimum 4 years of experience; ability to avail, negotiate special and contracted rates with the supplier; monitor and update rate changes as warranted

ACCOUNTING SUPERVISORS

Bachelor's degree in accounting, business, finance or business; CPA desirable; requires minimum of 7 years of total experience; with one or two years of senior level accounting experience; excellent technical knowledge of all accounting functional areas; excellent time management, communications, decision making, presentation, human relations, and organizational skills; ability to work under pressure and within tight schedule/deadline; excellent oral and written communication skills; experience from AITA registered travel agency is a plus

Qualified applicants may send their application letter, comprehensive resume indicating their contact details, recently taken 2x2 ID picture, photocopy of transcript of records and other credentials to:

Human Resources Department
TQ3 Travel Solutions
P.O. Box 3239
Makati Central Post Office
1272 Makati City, Philippines

A GARMENT EXPORTING COMPANY
MANUFACTURER OF ESTABLISHED BRAND NAMES

NEEDS

HRD MANAGER

- Male or Female not more than 40 years old
- Graduate of Psychology, Behavioural Science, Industrial Relations or related course. Masteral degree / units a definite advantage.
- With at least 3 years supervisory experience in HR functions such as recruitment and selection, compensation and benefits administration and with extensive knowledge in all facets of Labor relations and manpower pooling.
- With ability to assess employee and organizational needs and has the ability to deliver results as planned.
- Highly organized, results-oriented, computer literate and possess excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
- With adequate exposure in formulating and conducting training needs analysis & programs
- Must be a team player and people oriented
- Can work under pressure

Q.C. MANAGER

- Male or Female
- 3-8 yrs. experience, at least 3 yrs in Managerial Position
- Extensive knowledge of and experience in quality control management and analysis
- Effective communication skills both in oral and written English

ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR

- Male or Female
- 3-5 yrs. experience, at least 3 yrs. in supervisory level
- Extensive knowledge of and experience in general accounting and cost accounting for a garment company.
- Effective communication skills both in oral and written English
- Hard-working and willing to work extended hours.

Interested applicants may send their resumé with recent photo and transcript of records to:

ARTIF & CO. PHIL. INC.
Brgy. Poblacion, Noveleta, Cavite.
Tel. # (046) 438-7247 to 48
c/o HRD Department

FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

Supplier-Distributor of quality building materials needs qualified applicants for the following position:

ACCOUNTANT

- Male/Female
- 25 to 35 years old
- BS Accountancy or the like
- Computer literate
- Proficient in both written and Oral communication
- At least 3 years experience in Accountancy
- Dedicated and Hardworking

APPLICANTS MUST SEND THEIR RESUMÉS WITH TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD AND PICTURE TO:

TASCO Building Supplies Inc.
No. 1866 Ortigas Avenue Extension, Rosario, Pasig City
Phone Nos. 642-4663; 642-4168

The Early Childhood Development Project is in need of:

1 Procurement Specialist

- Education - Advanced degree with a major in a relevant discipline (e.g. Engineering, Law, Finance or Business)
- Minimum of ten (10) years of relevant direct experience as a Procurement Specialist, Contract Specialist or Supervisor of a procurement or contract management organization in the public sector projects where procurement were carried based on World Bank or ADB procedures
- Should have in-dept operational knowledge of procurement laws in the Philippines including the recently approved RA 9184
- Knowledgeable in computer operations
- Acceptable proficiency in oral and written communication

Please send application letter and resumé on or before 15 August 2003 addressed to:

The Administrative Service Director
Department of Social Welfare and Development
2nd Floor, Administrative Service
DSWD Central Office Building
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
or at E-mail Address: ecd.admin@dswd.gov.ph

Senior Programmers

A company servicing international offices immediately requires Senior Programmers. He/She will work with the global team in supporting the firm's applications systems as well as developing and maintaining windows and browser based applications.

Job Responsibilities

- Software Development
- Liaise with users on requirements and develop documentation
- Support and Maintenance of Existing applications

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science or related degree
- Not more than 30 years old
- Relevant experience on the following development tools is required: VB6, ASP, VB.NET and ASP.NET
- Object Oriented Programming
- Project Management and/or Business Analytical Skills
- SQL Server 7/2000; Stored Procedures
- Crystal Reports 8/9 and Report Application Server
- Familiar with UML (Unified Modeling Language)
- Enjoy solving problems and working independently as well as in a team
- Ability to work in a "virtual team"
- Good communication skills in both oral and written
- Ability to work to deadlines and work under pressure
- Willing to travel on short notices

Qualified applicants may submit their resumé, 2x2 picture and other credentials to (please indicate current salary):

B&M Support Centre, Inc.

12th Floor Net One Center
26th Street Corner 3rd Avenue, Crescent Park West
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila
Email: marybeth.pua@bakernet.com

(Previous applicants need not to apply)

A major retail player in Pampanga is currently in the process of revitalizing its operations and has openings for the following positions:

MANAGER FOR SUPERMARKET OPERATIONS

Male or Female
Not more than 40 years old
Degree holder and preferably with MBA
At least 5 years managerial experience in supermarket operations
With extensive background in merchandising, inventory management and the use of the POS system

RETAIL OUTLET SUPERVISORS

Male or Female
25-32 years old
Graduate of Business Administration or any related course
At least 3 years supervisory experience in supermarket operations
Computer literate and people oriented

MARKETING OFFICER

Male or Female
22-28 years old
Graduate of Marketing or Communications Arts
At least two years experience in a marketing, advertising or PR agencies
Computer literate, highly creative and can conceptualize outstanding programs for the company

MERCHANDISERS AND BUYERS

Male or Female
23-30 years old
College Graduate
At least five years experience as buyer/merchandiser in a supermarket or department store
Customer driven, has initiative, and a team player

Applicants must be willing to relocate to Angeles or Mabalacat, Pampanga. Mail your comprehensive resumé with 1x1 picture, salary history, and transcript of records to:

InAsia Management+Consultancy
Suite 239 Cityland Pioneer Condominium
Pioneer Street, Mandaluyong City

A progressive snack food manufacturing company is in immediate need of:

Accountant

- Must be Certified Public Accountant
- With work experience
- Male of Female, age 25 to 30 yrs. old
- Willing to be assigned in Imus, Cavite

Mechanical Engineer

- Has supervisory experience
- Computer literate, knowledge in Autocad is an advantage
- Knowledgeable in machine troubleshooting, preventive maintenance and fabrication.
- Willing to be assigned in Imus, Cavite

Interior Designer

- BS Interior Design graduate
- Preferably with work experience
- Knowledgeable in Autocad 2000 or higher version
- Able to render perspective drawings
- Able to prepare bill of materials/project estimates
- Willing to be assigned in Imus, Cavite

MIS Manager

- Must be proficient in computer networking technologies and server (Windows NT/2000 and Unix platform) and database administration
- Must be proficient in accounting principles and practices
- Preferably with some experience in the implementation of an ERP application suite in a manufacturing environment
- Preferably fluent in speaking in any Chinese dialect
- Willing to be assigned abroad

Salaries are commensurate to qualifications:
Interested applicants may send their complete resumés and credentials/references (including 2" x 2" ID photo) to:
HRD Manager, 2225 Tolentino St., Pasay City 1300
Please indicate the position you are applying for.

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Area Manager (AM)

Manages and monitors sales performance of the FSE team in terms of meeting production targets. Manages relationships with branch managers and staff to ensure bank branch support.

Qualifications

- Graduate of any College Course with at least 5 years successful sales experience in the financial services industry
- Must possess strong sense of integrity and entrepreneurial spirit
- Confident and results-oriented
- Preferably familiar with consumer banking operations and/or a licensed life insurance agent

Financial Sales Executive (FSE)

Provides financial planning advice to bank customers through identifying customer's needs and recommending suitable financial solutions (insurance and investment), enhancing at all times the overall relationship between the bank and its customers.

Qualifications

- Graduate of any College Course with at least 2 years professional sales experience preferably in the financial services industry
- Must possess pleasing personality and good communication skills
- Logical/ analytical, driven and with the desire to help others
- Focused and results-oriented
- Preferably proficient in Fookien and Mandarin

Be a Part of the PHILAM Family !

Submit your resumé, transcript of records and photo now!

Corporate HR, 23rd Floor, Philamlife Tower, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City
Email address: Philam.jobs@AIG.com ; Fax #: 885-87-06
Please indicate your desired position in the Subject Title

If career move is the option, then consider one that has the **global financial strength** behind it ...

Philam Savings Bank and **AIG Credit Card Company Phils., Inc.** , member companies of AIG, the leading US – based international insurance organization and Philamlife, the largest and most diversified life insurance company in the country.

We are in need of young and dynamic professionals or graduates, preferably from leading Universities, who have excellent communication skills and with relevant banking, sales or customer service experience for these career opportunities:

PHILAM SAVINGS BANK

Systems Management & Control Head

Candidates must have at least 5 years experience in the management of AS/400 operations and other business systems, including people management, as well as providing business solutions and systems options for various automation projects.

Sales Officers

Candidates must have experience in acquiring valued deposit/term accounts by offering various bank products and services. Preference is for candidates with existing portfolio and network of clients.

Tellers
Customer Service Representatives
Loans Processing Staff
Legal Staff

These positions are open to fresh graduates with pleasant disposition and customer service orientation as well as developed communication and interpersonal skills. Must be computer literate.

Field Collectors / Field Credit Investigators

Preferably with credit or collection background. Prior experience in the same capacity is an advantage. Must know how to ride a motorcycle and be a holder of a valid driver's license.

AIG AIG Credit Card Company Philippines, Inc.

Application Development Officers

Candidates with at least 2 years of experience in visual basic programming, systems analysis, software development and project management will be considered. Must be graduates of Computer Science or any related course.

Accounting Officers

Candidates with at least 3 years of experience in General Accounting and Taxation working for a bank or consumer finance company and exposure in computerized accounting systems will be considered. CPA preferred.

Customer Service Associates
Telemarketing Associates
Collection Associates
Administrative Assistants

Fresh graduates with pleasant disposition, customer service orientation with well developed communication and interpersonal skills. Must be computer literate. Candidates with experience in Call Center work and willing to go on shifts will also be considered

Please send your resumes, transcript of records and 2X2 photos to:
(Please indicate the position you are applying for)

For Bank positions:
Human Resources Division
2/F Philam Building, dela Rosa corner
Palanca Streets, Legaspi Village,
Makati City 1229
e-mail: Cathy-P.Paredes@aig.com

For Credit Card positions:
Human Resources Division
16/F San Miguel Properties Center
St.Francis Avenue, Ortigas,
Mandaluyong City
e-mail: EvaMarie-E.Sabidong@aig.com

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FACT Alzheimer's Disease (**AD**) affects approximately 4 million people every year. In the US, Alzheimer's Disease kills nearly 100,000 Americans each year. Based on the Canadian Study of Health and Aging Working Group, as the babyboomer population ages, over 3/4 of Canadians are expected to have AD and related dementia by 2031. Indeed, the medical & social implications of this epidemic are very alarming. However, for the Filipino caregivers who are *trained specifically on this type of caregiving*, this means opportunities to come to Canada and the US. **CLC** is the *first and only home health care agency in Canada* which has international efforts to train medical professionals, nurses and caregivers for specialized caregiving.

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Metro Manila Area - August 2 Dagupan - August 8 Cebu City - August 10
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- Advanced MT for CMT Exam Preparation*** (6 weeks)
- Intermediate MT for Medical Course Graduates (3 months)
- Intermediate MT for Non-Medical Course Graduates (6 months)
- Basic MT for High School Graduates (12 months)

* Based on MTIA growth rate [illegible] of 10% [illegible]. Job estimates based on 12 cents per line at each MT producing 700 lines per day.
** All courses have a separate 4-week OJT Program.
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Medical Transcription INSTRUCTORS are welcome to apply. Attractive COMPENSATION+BONUSES+ALLOWANCES given!

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- College graduate preferably with education units
- Preferably with MA in education or specialization and LET passer
- Must not be more than 40 years old
- With excellent oral and written communication skills

- **ELECTRICIAN**

- With at least 1 year work experience as Electrician and preferably can do plumbing work.

S.I.S.C. offers a good compensation and benefits package.
We guarantee your continued professional and personal growth.

Qualified applicants are requested to come on **July 28 - 31, 2003** and bring their curriculum vitaé, transcript of records and recent 2x2 photo to the Human Resource Office, Southville International School and Colleges
1281 Tropical Avenue corner Luxembourg St., BF International, Las Piñas City
Tel. Nos. 820-8702/03 or 825-6347 local 106

The School of Future Leaders and Achievers. Right here. Right now.

A young and dynamic IT Distribution Company in **Makati** is urgently in need of following:

Product Manager(s)

- 22 to 26 years old
- Male or Female candidates of good moral character, energetic, hard-working and has great communication skills in English. (Chinese speaking applicants is preferred but not necessary)
- graduate with a degree in business management, marketing, or any related degree.
- Has the experience and the ability to strategize, conceptualize, plan, develop and execute sales and marketing plan for the product assigned.
- Willing to start immediately.
- FOR NETWORKING PRODUCTS—require technical background on networking products.
- FOR MOBILE PRODUCTS—requires know-how on PDA, PDA-Phone, Notebook products. Contacts with media would be advantage.

Due to the urgency of the position, Interested applicants should send their curriculum vitae or detailed resume to 305-A Don Tim Bldg., 5438 Pres Sen. Osmena Sr Highway (formerly South Super Highway) Bangkal Makati or email them to hason@computerdevicesph.com.

We are a Manufacturing Company of consumer products nationwide and belonging to the Top 1000 corporations. We have vacancies for:

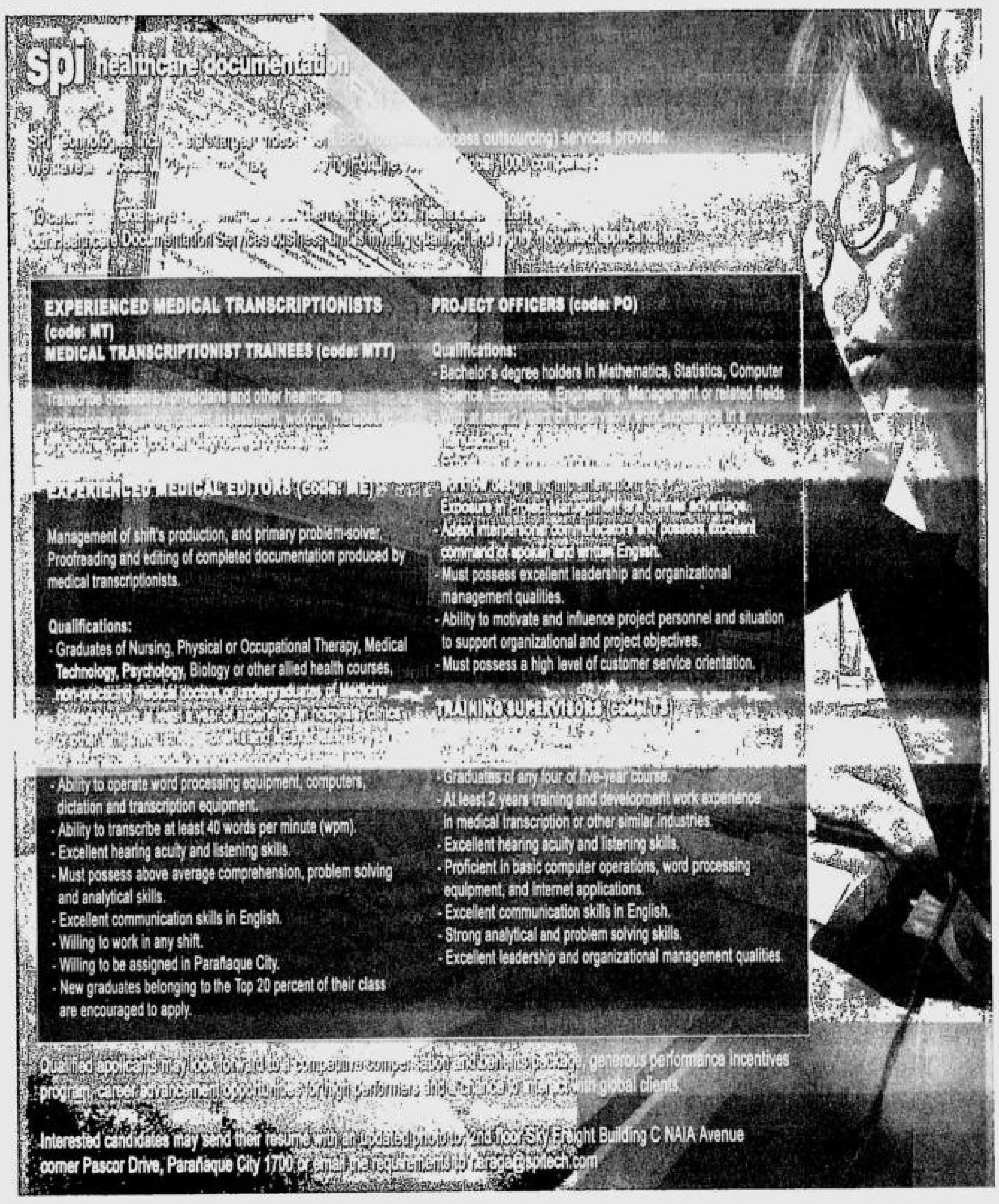
SALES REPRESENTATIVES

- Male or Female
- Not more than 30 years old
- Graduate of business or any related course
- With good scholastic record
- Must have good personality
- Must be honest, trustworthy & diligent
- Must be willing to do field work

Applicants must be resident of the following areas of assignment: Metro Manila, Malolos City, Baliuag City, Olongapo City, Tarlac City, Balanga City, Antipolo City, Batangas City, Lipa City, Daet, Camarines Norte; Borongan, Eastern Samar; Catarman, Northern Samar; Catbalogan Samar; Maasin, Southern Leyte; San Carlos City, Negros Occidental; Kabankalan, Negros Occ.; Digos City, Davao del Sur; Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte

Please send resumé, transcript of records
and passport-sized photo to:

P.O. Box No. 12940, Ortigas Center Post Office,
Pasig City



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MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST TRAINEES (code: MTT)

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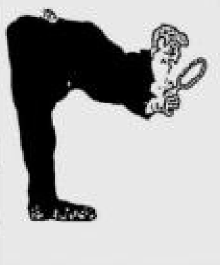

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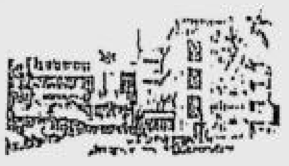

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Top 10 Beatles' reasons for working with a career coach

By Drew Rozell, Ph.D

HEY Jude, hey Bulldog, Julia, Martha, my dear...Do you want to know a secret?

There's a hot new group of folks out there called career coaches that will help you reach your professional goals while ensuring that you are living a very cool life as well.

Please please me by reading on to discover the Top 10 reasons how working with a personal coach could benefit you.

1. We can work it out.

Got some challenges in your life? A hole that needs fixing? Want to learn how to communicate better and have better relationships with everyone around you? We can make everything come together. Just the two of us.

2. If I needed someone.

Hey, we all need some help to carry that weight sometimes. A coach is there whenever you need him or her. You are a call or e-mail away from your customized personal support system (the kind that does not overload your friends or significant other, either). Anytime at all, all you got to do is call, and I'll be there!

3. Baby, you're a rich man.

Get coached and dramatically increase your profitability. Money, that's what I want!

4. Getting better.

How fast are you evolving right now? Bet you get there faster with a coach. You'll find yourself humming, "I feel fine" soon after hiring a coach.

5. I should have known better.

Lots of time, trying to get perspective on our own lives is like trying to look through a glass onion. A coach provides a fresh perspective; another set of eyes—eyes that are subjective enough to always want the best for you, but objective enough to always tell you the truth. Bounce your important decisions off your coach and they will be better. Guaranteed.

6. Helter skelter.

World moving a bit too fast? Sometimes we all get so focused on our careers and doing stuff all the time that we just forget to just 'let it be' on a regular basis. A big part of what I do is help people organize their lives so they are not so busy all the time and have the space to reflect upon their thoughts and actions.

7. I will.

Sure, there are lots of things you can do. But lots of times, you may let your progress slide from one week to the next. With the accountability that a good coach provides, you'll find yourself saying "I will" when discussing your goals for the week a lot more. And meaning it. That's where you'll see the results you want most and you'll never be just another fool on the hill.

8. Act naturally.

Lots of us spend too much time doing the things we feel like we 'should do,' rather than getting in touch with who we really are, leveraging our unique strengths, and orienting ourselves around our passions. Working with a coach, you'll ensure that you always think for yourself, be yourself and you'll be successful in all you touch. And your bird can sing, my friend!

9. Revolution.

A coach will help you make some radical changes in both your personal and professional lives. Personally, I take a holistic perspective in that you cannot be your best at work if your personal life is off and vice-versa. Make the necessary changes today, and you shall never long for yesterday.

10. Ob la di ob la da

Feel like you're working eight days a week? Had a hard day's night? Lots of people get so swept up in goals and work that they forget that life is supposed to be fun. The whimsy of life is the point—I mean, it's supposed to be a magical mystery tour, right?

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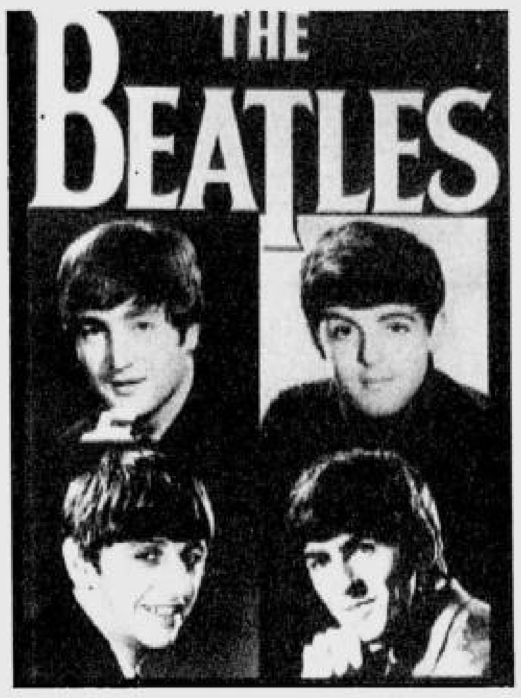

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'I want a long-term career'

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realities in the country today? We have less jobs in manufacturing and production and more jobs in logistics, sales and marketing. Effectively, our country has become a consumer of imported goods rather than a producer of goods. Today, service, rather than production, jobs proliferate.

Globalization

Why is this happening? Globalization has encouraged multinationals to seek places where the costs of labor and operations are cheap. In our part of the world, the country to be for multinationals is China where the minimum wage is just over one US dollar. Then again, another alternative is for big companies to resort to outsourcing to small companies. So, in the coming years, we can predict that small and medium sized businesses will produce and hold over 80% of local jobs.

Go for SMEs

With this context, finding a job where you can build a lifelong career will be difficult. New entrants in the job market are more pragmatic. They hope to build their careers across companies, rather than stick to one company. Even people who work with multinationals are waking up to this reality. Gone are the days when a person has security of tenure. Sometimes, a person is only as good as his/her last performance rating.

If you want to use your expertise in production management. you have to settle for small and medium sized businesses that may not be able to pay multinational pay rates. Then again, expect that these businesses may not have the sophisticated systems of big companies. But this fact can create an opportunity for you, if you persevere in helping the company get its systems organized. So, it is realistic for you to downplay your expectations. You are right, you can not be choosy, what is important is a job that fulfills your need, not just for food on the table, but also a job that will give you opportunity for professional development and self fulfillment.

On the question as to whether you can shift to sales, I believe that a career change is possible for as long as you have the aptitude and core competencies for the job. Reflect and write down your current competencies that could help you in a sales job. Ask yourself, too, if you have the stamina for this kind of job. An area you may want to explore is the field of logistics and distribution. It has a closer affiliation to production. Still another alternative is to go into freelance training and consultancy, if you are capable of teaching and coaching. This may require you to update your competencies or better still, get a masters degree in business.

Customize resume

On the question whether or not to delete that portion of your resume where you worked as an assistant manager, I suggest you customize your resume to fit the position and company you are applying to. You can highlight your accomplishments and downplay your weaknesses but continue to be authentic and truthful. On the gaps in between jobs, most employers understand that people can lose and gain jobs in the new environment. Actually the toughest issue you have to hurdle is your instigation of an independent union. This is, to my mind, unethical and undue meddling in union affairs. On union matters, you cannot straddle. If you are part of management, then you have to play the role well and not compromise it. If this issue is raised during the interview, you can say with candor, "I am sorry I made a mistake in this case, but I have learned my lesson." All the best. May you find the job you desire soon.

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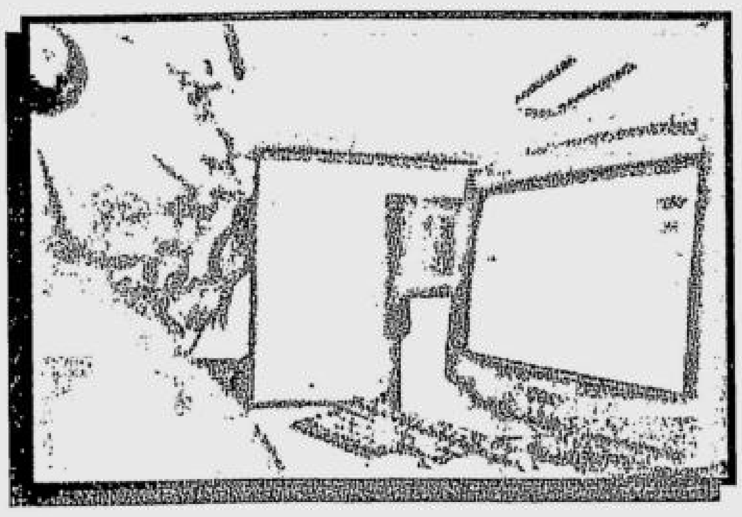

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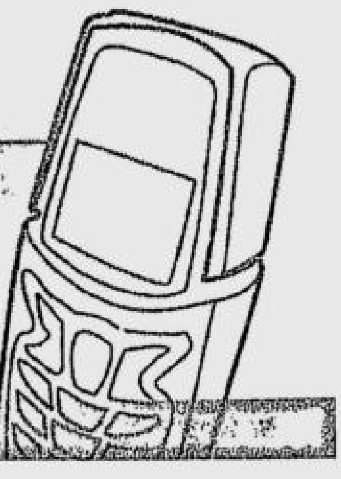

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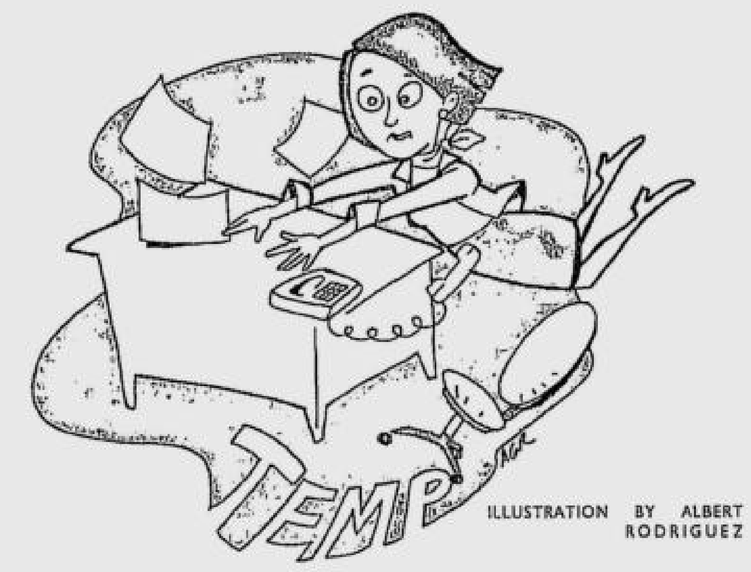
Here are the results of our last workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com poll: Which best describes your experience with a temp job?

—Never temped, never will, 14.1%

—It was a dead end, 33.9%

—My temp job led to a permanent position, 51.8%

(Mr. Rosner is the author of bestsellers "The Boss' Survival Guide," McGraw Hill 2001, and "Working Wounded," Warner 2000, an international speaker and the founder of the award- winning WorkingWounded.com and RetentionEvangelist.com. He is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Email him at bob@working wounded.com.*)*



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Cell phones disrupt ...

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out one, 8.9% responded that they can work fine without the cellular phone. Only 3% mentioned that cell phones distract them from work related duties.

A majority of respondents (60.9%) said that they entertain business related calls after office hours, and yes, during weekends. Around 30% responded that they only entertain business related calls if there is a sense of urgency. About 6.5% admit to entertaining business related calls after office hours during weekdays and only 2.4% ignore business related calls after office hours.

Company subsidy

Despite a large number entertaining business related calls after office hours and even during weekends, does the company provide cell phone subsidy? About 72.8% responded that they spend for their own usage (my phone, my expense). Only 11.2% said that their company provided the phone. Around 8.9% are given allowances for phone expenses and the remaining 7.1% get reimbursed for business related usage.

When it comes to costs, 50.3% responded that they spend less than P500.00 on business related phone expenses. Around 30.8% spend between P500.01 to P1000.00. About 15.4% use up P1001.00 to P2500.00 for business related phone expenses. The remaining 3.6% spend more than P2500.00 on business related phone expense alone.

Why is it a hit?

The cell phone phenomenon has been an object of interest and wonder for researchers because of its unexpected wide acceptance in Europe and Asia, especially in the Philippines. Why is it such a hit?

Cost

First is the cost. Unlike its predecessors that only catered to the rich and famous, this device has become affordable to everyone, regardless of socio-economic status. Second would be its size and mobility. A communication tool that can fit in someone's pocket and thus, can be carried around anytime and anywhere means that it can also be used in the same manner. In fact, in the Philippines, cell phones have compensated for the absence of pay phones and landlines especially in far-flung areas.

And third, unlike other modern day technological devices, this communication tool carries with itself a serendipitous function: SMS (short messaging service) that has become a hit among Filipinos. Why we prefer sacrificing our thumbs just to crunch up shortened messages, to the extent of deteriorating our ability to construct proper syntax remains a marvel.

No boundaries

The text messaging feature has made communication surpass the boundaries of space and time. People don't have to meet face to face to discuss issues and events. People don't have to communicate in an instant. With the cellular phone, one carries the power to be connected yet disconnected at the same time. Incidentally, 68% of readers answered our survey through text indicating how cell phones have become a preferred mode of communication.

Caveats

Despite its popularity and functionality, there is a downside to cell phones especially for employees. Our survey shows that most organizations do not subsidize cell phone expenses even if the cell phones are used by employees for work-related matters. This means more out-of-pocket expenses for employees who do have cell phones. Perhaps in the future, companies can consider cell phone allowances as part of employee benefits.

Horror stories

In addition, results show that majority of users attend to calls or messages even outside office hours. This may make it more difficult for workers to establish work-life balance. We have heard horror stories of how bosses call their staff at ungodly hours making their employees feel they are on-call 24 hours of the day. On the other hand, some employers also complain about the intrusion of cell phone during work hours. To prevent this, organizations should consider formulating policies on cell phone use at work.

Challenge

What is apparent is that cell phones are both a boon and a bane. However, like it or not, they are here to stay. The challenge now for employees and organizations is to learn how to maximize its use without letting it disrupt the balance between personal and work life.

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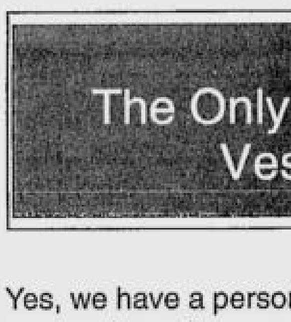

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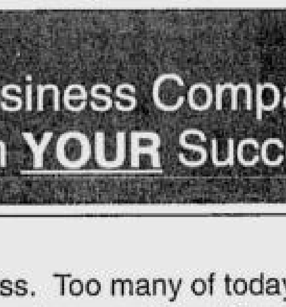

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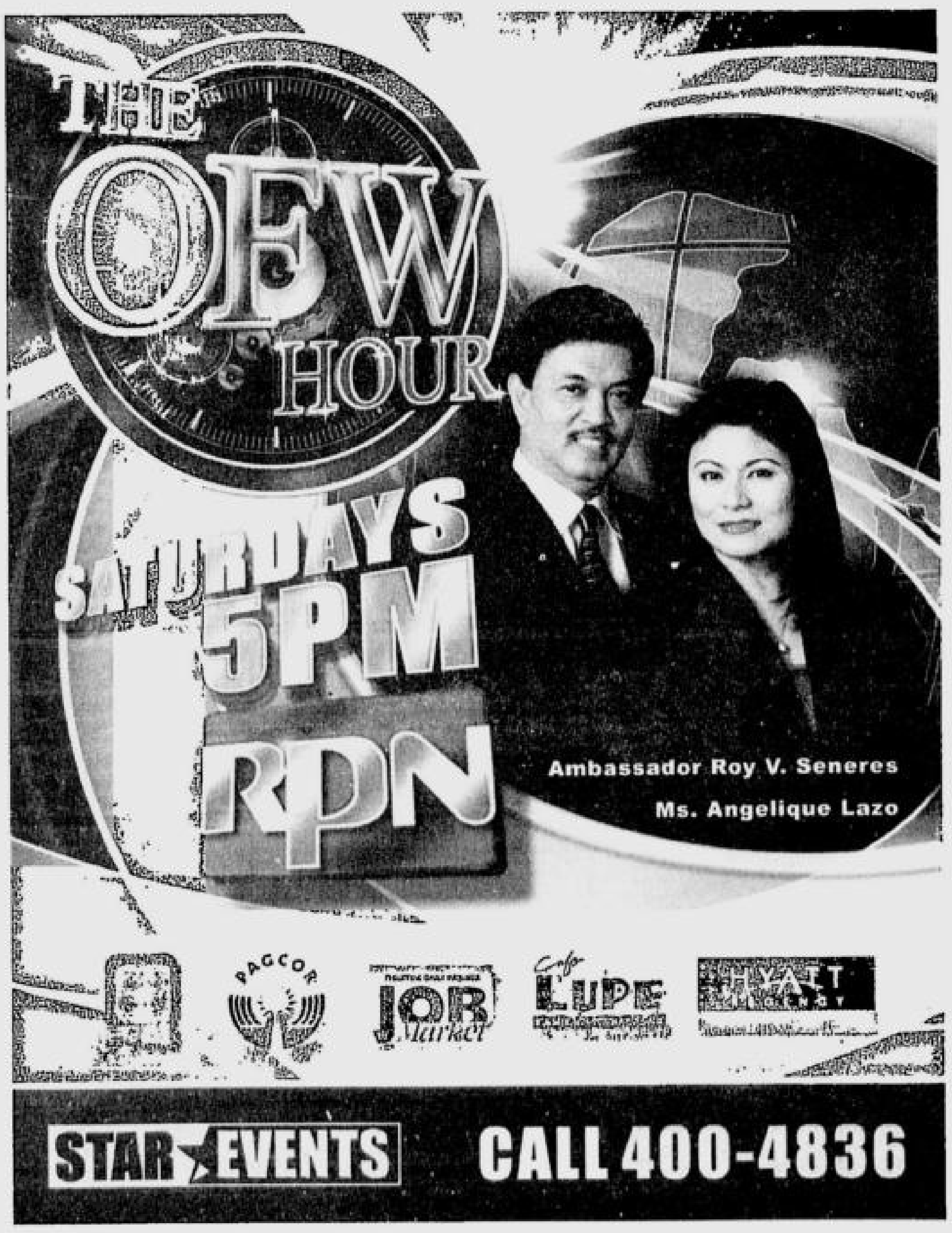

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Sunday PEOPLE at WORK

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PEOPLE AT WORK PULSE

Cell phones affect work/ life balance

By Ma. Regina M. Hechanova, PhD and Ma. Regina E. Estuar, MSCS
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CONSIDER this common scenario: It's early Monday morning and we do a final check of the stuff we have in our bag: car keys, wallet, cell phone. On our way to work, in the midst of the heavy traffic, we glance at our cell phone to check for missed calls and text messages. As we settle down on our desks piled with work left over from the previous week, we place our cell phones in a special corner so we can glance at the screen every so often. As the day progresses, we use the device to answer text messages and voice calls whether they are work or non-work related. An emergency meeting comes up and what do we bring with us in the conference room? The cell phone set in silent mode.

One out of three Filipinos has a cell phone. Unlike other technological devices that only cater to certain groups of people, the cellular phone suits everyone's needs and lifestyle, regardless of working class. To show us how the cellular phone has indeed affected our lives in the workplace, People at Work Pulse posed four work-related questions regarding its usage and function: (1) How useful are cell phones in the kind of work you do? (2) Do you entertain business related calls/ text after office hours? (3) Does your company provide cell phone subsidy? (4) How much do you spend a month on business related phone expenses?

Cell phone usage for work

A total of 169 readers responded to our survey—58% were female and 42% were male. Of the 169 respondents, more than half (64.5%) said that the cellular phone is only sometimes useful for the kind of work they do, 23.7% admitted that they cannot work with-

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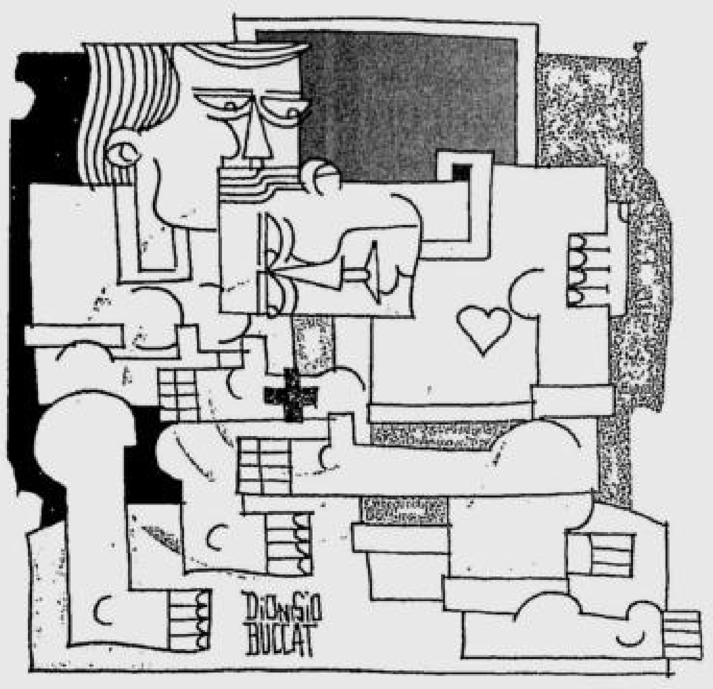
From leader to Leader

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

IF YOU'VE worked under a number of bosses, you should be able to tell the difference between leaders and Leaders (note, capital L). Ordinary leaders may lead all right, but somehow you get this sneaking suspicion that they're just leaders by sheer chance ("He's the son of the company owner."), luck ("Our manager died, so he took over.") or by title ("He's CEO, I've got to obey him!") True Leaders are a different breed: they are masters of themselves, they are in control of every situation, they know what to do.

The Jesus of today's gospel is one such Leader. In times of crisis, ordinary leaders scheme and calculate, but almost always, their schemes and calculations are based on the obvious. When Jesus asked Philip where they could buy food to feed the crowd, Philip said something like "Six months worth of our food budget wouldn't be enough to buy each of them a *pan de sal!*" Then Andrew added that someone had bread and fish but what good could his *baon* do for the huge throng?

Don't Philip and Andrew sound like some of our bosses sometimes? Caught in the culture of materialistic excess, their battlecry is "The more, the merrier; the bigger, the better!" and they think all problems can be solved by numbers and money. Was Jesus bogged down by that situation of want? No. Jesus knew what to do—in fact He was just testing Philip. Awesome in their wisdom, Leaders always know what to do. But how does a leader become a Leader? Sorry, I can't answer that one for you. But Jesus most certainly can—and will. Shall we ask Him? *(Email feedback to* avemaria@csi.com.ph.)



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Gospel. Jn 6: 1-15

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"...Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

Work does miracles

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

THE APOSTLES were faced with the impossible task of providing food for more than five thousand people who came to listen to their Master. They saw a boy with "five barley loaves and two fish" but considered them too small for the work they had to do—feed a hungry crowd. Yet, Jesus showed them that even the little insignificant things we see or do can become great. He then "took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them" to the people who were greatly satisfied. Jesus performed a miracle out of the small and insignificant.

We perhaps wonder how our daily work can contribute to the elimination of poverty and hunger of a host of people in the world. Like the apostles we regard ourselves and our work as small and insignificant, compared to the immense task of satisfying the needs, including the spiritual hunger, of the great multitude of people. Even if we know that somehow people avail of the products and services our jobs provide, we ask whether our humble day to day work can acquire a value for our brethren that is greater than the material benefits they derive from it.

When we offer our daily works to Jesus either by mentally lifting them up to Him in prayer or by offering them at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus takes them as He "took the loaves", blesses them, and transforms them into spiritual graces which He distributes to us, to the believers and to the whole of mankind. Jesus performs the miracle of pouring on all mankind the graces of salvation out of our daily work offered to Him! *(Email feedback to* mfvg@skyinet.net.*)*

Working with handicapped coworkers

PEOPLE at Work and the Ateneo Center for Organization Research and Development (Ateneo CORD) partner to listen to the heartbeats of working people through this People at Work Pulse.

Is your pulse rate a bit too fast due to stress? Is it slowing down due to asphyxiation from traffic fumes? Or is it just beating happily to the rhythm of life? Your thoughts, feelings and beliefs on various workplace issues close to your hearts, when shared, can contribute to transforming our places into more human-friendly places to work in. This "pulse" check is conducted once a month. The results of this poll is published the following month. To quicken your response rates, Philippine Daily Inquirer and Ateneo CORD are giving gift packages to two respondents to be drawn from those who replied for the month.

1. How would you feel about working with a handicapped worker?
   - [ ] a. I'm open to it
   - [ ] b. I could but only if their disability does not impede performance
   - [ ] c. I'd rather not. It would be difficult for me to work with them
   - [ ] d. I don't think it is possible with the kind of work that I do
2. Which of the following handicap would be a liability and make it impossible for someone to perform your job? (check all that applies)
   - [ ] a. Hearing impaired/deaf
   - [ ] b. Speech impaired/mute
   - [ ] c. Visually impaired/blind
   - [ ] d. Physically impaired
3. Do you think your company is open to hiring Handicapped workers?
   - [ ] a. Yes, in fact we already have handicapped workers in our company
   - [ ] b. Yes, as long as the applicant has the necessary skills
   - [ ] c. No, the nature of our work cannot accommodate handicapped people
   - [ ] d. No, they will only be a burden to our organization
4. What do you think about the plight of handicapped workers in the Philippines?
   - [ ] a. Their job opportunities will really be limited because of their disabilities
   - [ ] b. They need to be given more protection/ equal opportunity
   - [ ] c. Organizations need to be given incentives to hire them

Name: ____________________

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Company Name: ____________________

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(Last month's winners are Nela Ramos and Dennis Navera. Raffle prizes may be claimed at Ateneo CORD.)

'I want a long-term career'

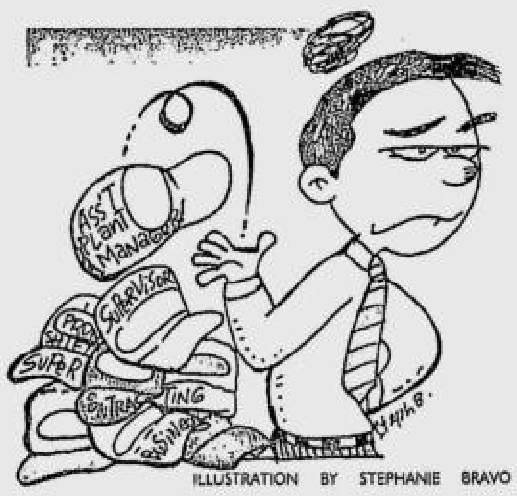
Advice FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

By Tita Datu Puangco

I HAVE a career dilemma. I have been off and on employment for the past two years. It is so difficult to get a job because the job market is very competitive. My last position was assistant plant manager but I had the responsibility of a supervisor. I worked more than six years in a multinational food company as production shift supervisor. I felt I was going nowhere so I took another job in a higher position that of assistant plant manager.

It was boring and routine work. I was doing almost nothing and I had no personal or professional growth. I instigated the rank and file to form an independent union rather than a company union. The move of forming an independent union was averted and due to *delicadeza*, I had to resign.

After I resigned, it took me three months to get a job in a supervisory position. But I lasted only two weeks because the owner was unreasonable. He wanted me to deliver results at once when there are no systems and existing documentation. I was only starting to install the system. Then, it took me another year to find a job. I got the job by revising my resume, deleting the last employment as assistant plant manager.



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Then, I left this new job and went into business. But I closed it and joined my cousin in the contracting business. I discovered that the business had no capital, many human resource problems and low sales. I talked to the owner about my plans for the company. He agreed in principle but the plans were never implemented due to lack of funding or capital.

Sometimes, I want to shift to a career in sales but I hesitate because of my extensive experience in production management. My objective in my next job is long term. I resolve that I will stay in my next company for a long time because I am growing older. One more thing, I have no capital to start a business and I think I am not made to be an entrepreneur.

What do you suggest or advice? Is it good for me to look for another job in a lower position or settle for a supervisory position because of the situation of the economy and the stiff competition for jobs? Can I shift my career from production management to sales? What will I tell the next company as to why I left my previous company? Is it appropriate to delete my previous employment in my resume? Is it appropriate to delete my previous supervisory employment to accept an offer slightly above the minimum salary rather than earn nothing? What is the best explanation for my job gap? I hope you answer me as soon as possible.

Production Expert

First of all, I am happy to note your paradigm shift on the economy, the competitive market and the changes brought about by globalization. What are the prevailing

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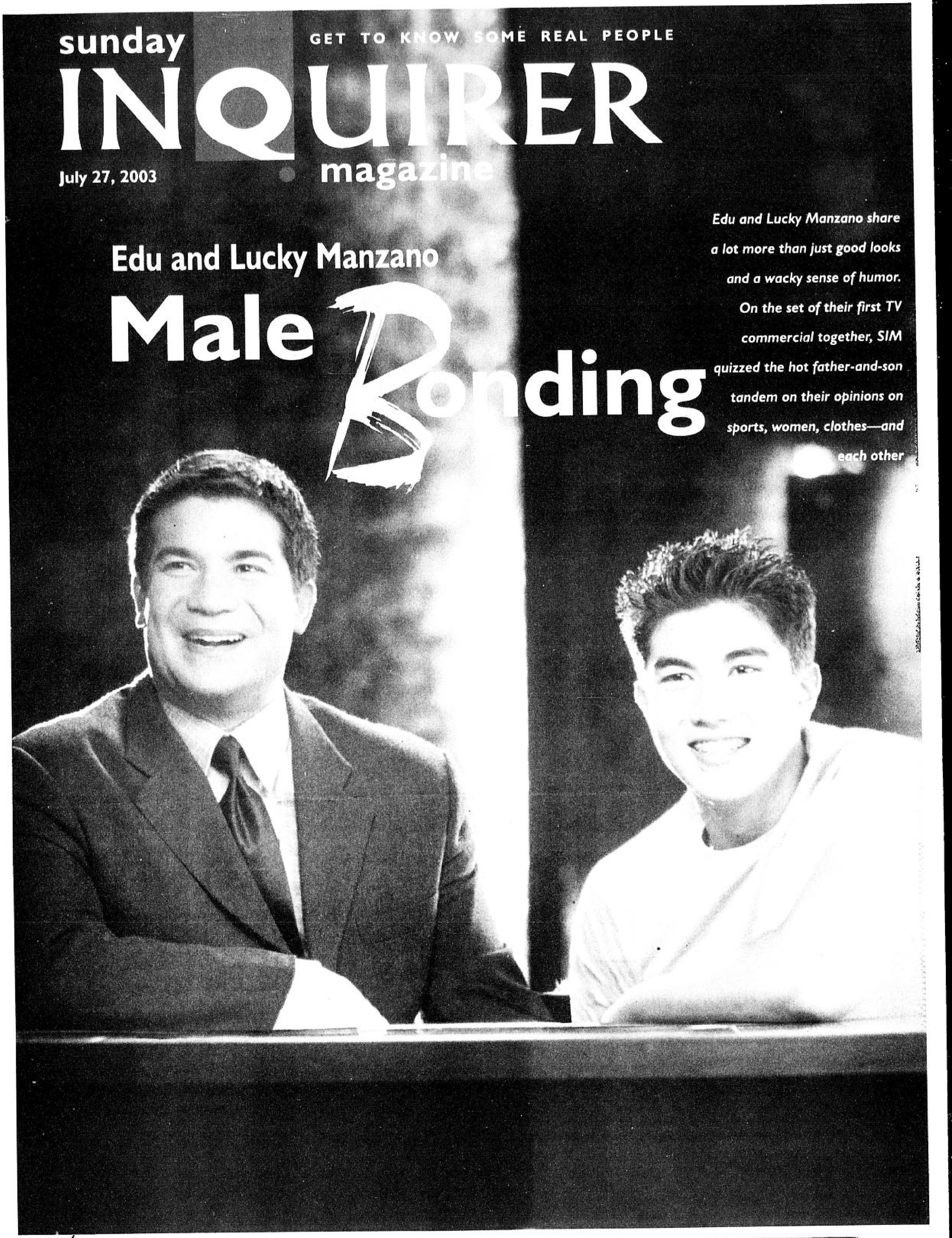
Edu and Lucky Manzano

Male Bonding

Edu and Lucky Manzano share a lot more than just good looks and a wacky sense of humor. On the set of their first TV commercial together, SIM quizzed the hot father-and-son tandem on their opinions on sports, women, clothes—and each other



By Tinna S. Bonifacio
.Photograph by Egay Montaña

“I LOVE you, Lucky,” says the father, licking his lips. “Lucky me?” asks the son. “No,” the father answers back, pointing to the pack of pancit canton he has in his hand. “Lucky Me, not Lucky You.”

The playfulness and closeness you see in the new Lucky Me commercial starring Edu Manzano and son Luis, or Lucky, is not put-on; it's for real.

Lucky grew up with his mom, actress and now Lipa Mayor Vilma Santos, but the 22-year-old actor, VJ and model seems to be enjoying a newfound closeness with his father. Both share the same mestizo features (although Lucky has the oriental eyes of his mother), a love for sports, a sense of humor and an ability to look you in the eye in all seriousness even when they're, ahem, pulling your leg.

They like doing “typical guy stuff”—and no, we're not talking billiards or basketball, although those are the top two on their list of favorite sports. Believe it or not, they enjoy watching women. “What's wrong with appreciating the beauty of a woman?” asks Luis.

Edu expresses this trait in more general terms. “We're both reactors. We like to sit and watch people, then react to them by creating situations in our minds.” For example, if they see a man wearing a lot of jewelry in public, they can't resist making a crack like, “There goes a future Central Bank governor!”

They are the same, but also different. Lucky calls himself “Mr. Sneakers” (he confessed that he once bought five pairs of sneakers in different colors because he liked the style so much). Edu is the more fastidious dresser. “He's also more organized. He has everything in his closet arranged, from suits to ties. I don't know what's in my closet—there could be a living thing in there somewhere. Like maybe a former girlfriend?” says Lucky, dissolving into uncontrollable fits of laughter.

Showbiz's most fun father-and-son team took a break from shooting their first commercial together to talk to **SIM** *about being a son, being a dad and the ties that bind. See if you can read between the lines and pick out the parts where they're joking and where they're actually serious.*

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Edu

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Lucky guy: The VJ dances to a different tune

SIM (to Luis): What's it like having Edu Manzano for a dad?

Luis: It's like having a dad, a best friend and a buddy, all rolled into one.

Edu: Awww, how sweet... but oh no, now I'll have to take him out to dinner.

SIM: Luis, is your dad always this much of a joker?

Luis: He is. But people don't see that my dad also has a disciplinarian side. When he wants to tell you something, he has a way of making sure that you get the point. Like school, that's important to him.

Edu: A sense of humor is very important. I'm a comedian at heart, and my sense of humor helped me go through life. I don't take life too seriously. I've been through it all, up and down, and I've survived only because I've learned to look life in the eye and laugh at it sometimes.

SIM: How does that help you be a parent?

Edu: Children today are very complex. That's why a sense of humor always helps. As a father, I handle issues with a sense of humor, but laden with the truth. It's like throwing your children grenades, but wrapped in chocolate (*laughs*). It's good to surprise your children once in a while. It keeps them on their toes. If you use the same approach all the time, they stop listening to you.

SIM: How do you use a sense of humor in parenting?

Edu: When he was still a teenager, Luis used to go out, and he would stay out too late. Instead of lecturing him about coming home early, I waited until we were out in public. When I saw someone who was really haggard and thin, I pointed him out to Luis, and said, "See? That guy stayed up till 6 in the morning, and he only did it five times, but look at him." Boy, you bet he started coming home earlier after that.

SIM: Luis, what about your love life? Does your dad interfere with that?

Lucky: Actually, dad understands. My love life was never an issue. Dad doesn't interfere in any way.

Edu: I generally take a hands-off approach. He will have to fight his own battles. There's always a chance that he may make the wrong decisions, but that's all part of the process. It's also the only way you'll know you did an okay job as a parent. You only know that when you unleash him, and you see how he interacts with other people.

SIM: Do you think you did an okay job?

Edu: I have no complaints. I'm a good father.

SIM: If you don't "interfere" with his love life, what do you give Luis advice about?

Edu: Life. I always tell him that it's important to be his own person, and not just the son of Edu Manzano or Vilma Santos. I want him to be known as Luis Manzano. I don't want him to be like other kids who suffer because they live in the shadow of their parents. My job as his father is to provide him the tools so he can develop an identity apart from his parents. After all, bloodline is no guarantee of success.

SIM: Luis, how do you deal with being the son of two famous people?

Luis: They're my real parents, and they may be Vilma Santos and Edu Manzano, but they're still there for me. It just gets weird at times, like when I was younger, and my mom tried to take me to the grocery once. We'd just come through the door, when all these people started crowding around her, asking for autographs. We had to get out of there real fast! But she's still my mom, and I'm proud of her achievements. Same thing with my dad.

Edu: Even when he was younger, I'd tell him that he would get teased about who his parents are. The problem with being celebrities in this country is that people tend to take too many liberties. I wanted Luis to understand that while he was a public figure, he was not public property, and nobody has the right to treat him otherwise.

SIM: Are you always so protective of your children?

Edu: Definitely. There was this one time, we were at Enchanted Kingdom, and some people saw me come in. They rushed toward me to have a picture taken, and they pushed my daughter (Adi, 10) aside just to get closer to me. That really made me flip. I just took my kids, and left. I don't care if they got angry with me, but these are my kids we're talking about.

SIM: What about when your mom used to greet you every week on TV with that now-famous line, "I love you, Lucky!" Didn't you feel that was weird?

Luis: I'd tell her, "Yes mom, I love you too." It's not that I got tired of hearing it—I don't think any kid would get tired of his mom telling him something like that—but hell, yeah, it did get weird sometimes.

SIM: Aside from the looks and sense of humor, what else do you two have in common?

Edu: We love sports. We can talk endlessly about sports. Basketball, billiards—we even hope to be taking badminton soon. It's the sport of the moment *kasi*.

SIM: Which one of you is more vain?

Luis: I'm not vain—I just want to look presentable when I go out. Hell, I can go to the mall in *sando* and slippers, but like I said, I just want to look good. It's part of my job.

SIM: All right then, who is the better dresser?

Luis: My dad, definitely. He's one of the best dressers in the country. I'm more sporty and laid-back in the way I dress. But we're not *naman* OC (obsessive-compulsive) in terms of *porma*. We're more practical than anything else. I once bought a pair of Kenneth Cole shoes for P6,000, but they've lasted so long. I still have them. I consider them an investment rather than a luxury.

SIM: Who's more of a ladies' man?

Luis: People seem to think we're playboys. Like me, I'm really just friendly. I'm very comfortable around women. I can be really physical sometimes—not maniac physical—I'm just *malambing* (affectionate). I behave that way, even with our make-up artists at ABS-CBN.

SIM: But what if you like the girl?

Luis: It's different when I make *lambing* to a friend. When it's a friend, you just want her to be happy. But when I like the girl, I'll go the extra mile.

SIM: How old were you when you had your first girlfriend?

Luis: I was in Grade 1.

SIM: Grade 1?

Luis: I've only had two serious relationships in my life, and they were both with guys. (*Laughs*). [Lucky's past girlfriends have included actress and model Nancy Castiglione, with whom he had one of the two "serious" relationships he refers to].

SIM: Funny. We know your dad's type. What kind of girl would interest you?

Luis: I've always had a thing for *mestizas* and *chinitas*. More important, I like the cowgirl type—someone who would be at home if I took her to Le Soufflé, and someone who would also feel comfortable eating *isaw* on the street.

SIM: What would you do to impress a girl? Can you sing?

Luis: Hell, no! But I can cook. And I can talk. Definitely, I don't have a problem with talking. I talk and talk and talk.

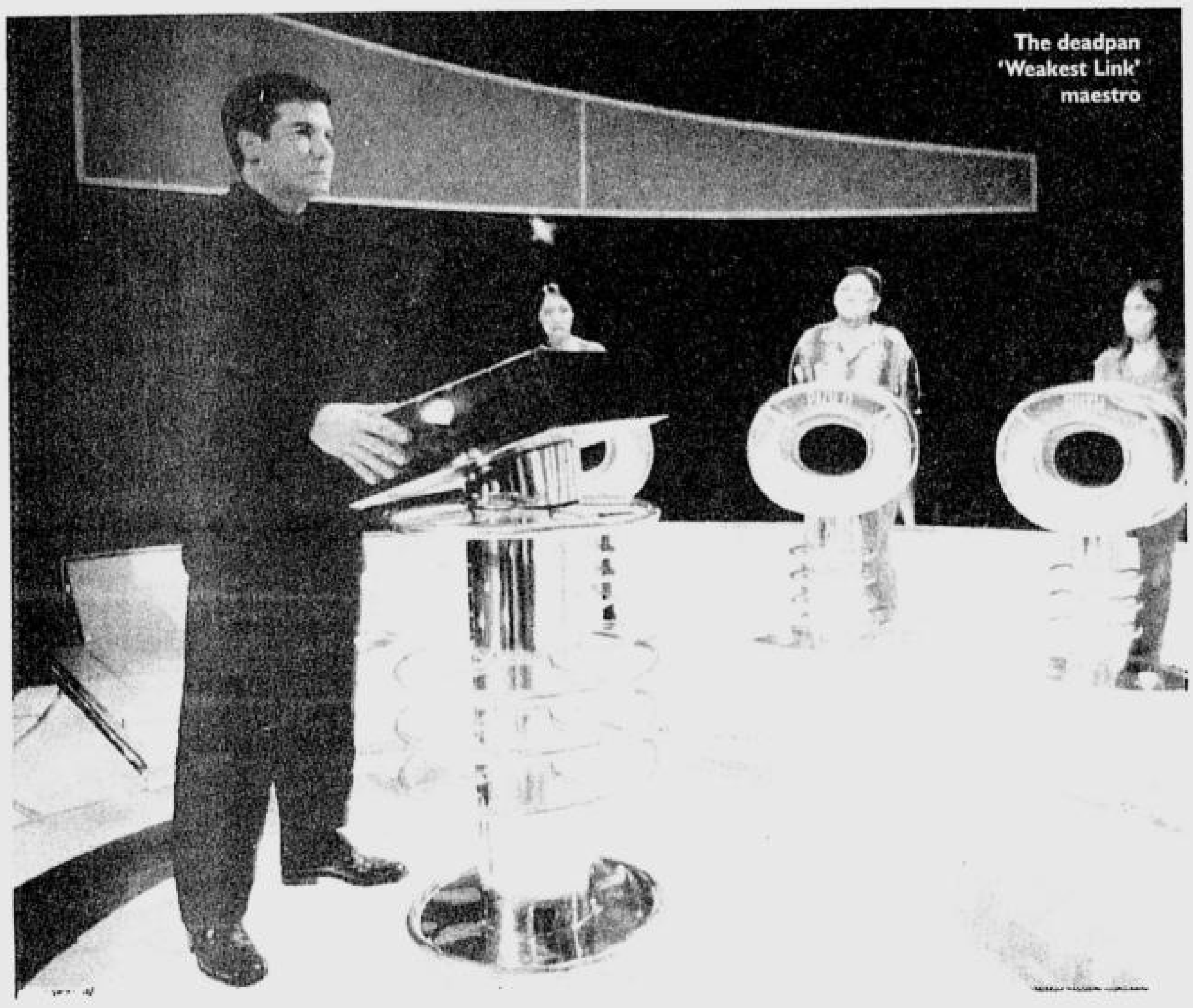
SIM: We know your dad's a talker too. But can he cook like you?

Luis: He can't. But he can iron. (*Laughs*).

SIM: To end, Edu, what's the most important thing you want Luis to learn? Luis, what's the most important lesson your dad has taught you?

Edu: I want him to learn that he has options. One of the most scary things is to be left to live life with no options. That's my biggest fear. Sure, he's modelling and VJ-ing and hosting, but these have a time frame. He has to have other options. That's why I insist that he finish his studies. Showbiz doesn't last forever. I want my son to be a survivor.

Luis: He taught me a lot of things. But the most important is to keep your word. What do they call it in Tagalog? *Palabra de Honor?* My dad and I, we may laugh about a lot of things, but keeping our word is one thing we take seriously. He said it's important, so that people will respect you. Respect is something other people can't take away from you.



The deadpan 'Weakest Link' maestro

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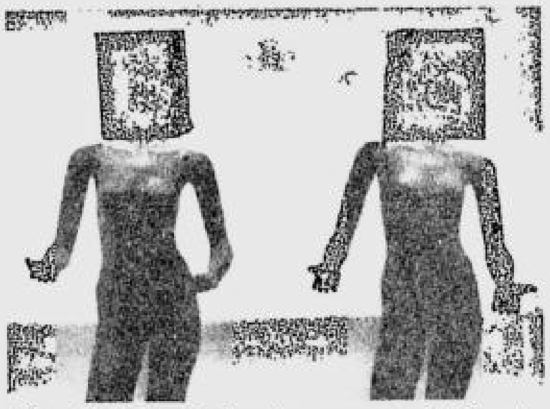

"Biombos Y Casas De Luz," recent works of FilHispanic artist Valeria Cavestany is on view at The Drawing Room until August 6 at The Drawing Room, Metropolitan Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City. Cavestany uses "nostalgia" as subject for a variety of media such as paintings, decoupage and Biombos de Luz (dividers-lamps). For inquiries, call 897-6990 or 897-7877. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Daybreak

for August M.

Hovering over fringes of sleep
images skitter like water bugs
on the mind's surface

Time trembles.
Within the water's depths, Wu,
the nothingness, is understood
as simply being in the moment,
flowing, like the smooth movement
the shoulder makes, as the foot,
malleable as dawn, pivots
to an empty position.

Koans become clear as summer rain.

Lightning flashes, cymbals
announce the coming of warriors.
Nothing seems impossible,
as body hurtles through push
and pull of wakefulness,
birdsong winding its melody
around fluttering lids,
the mind seeing what sees,
because in a second
the moment is gone.

Alice M. Sun-Cua

Ang Batang Mangangahoy ng Kenny Roger's

Inayawan niya
ang mga kalaro sa patintero.
Nagsuot siya ng jaket
at nagputong ng samballlo.
Bitbit ang lagari,
sumama siya sa kanyang ama
sa gubat -
isang troso ang kanilang itutumba.
Ngunit dumagan sa bata
ang bigat ng punongkahoy,
at napisak ang kanyang mukha,
at kumalat ang kanyang utak sa lupa.
pinaglamayan ang bata.

Kinapos sa panggatong
ang isang sangay ng Kenny Roger's

Danilo R. dela Cruz, Jr.

The Sunday Inquirer Magazine accepts contributions for our regular poetry section. Interested contributors should send a printed copy of the poem (which may be in English or Filipino) together with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Ruel S. De Vera, poetry editor, Sunday Inquirer Magazine, Chino Roces (formerly Pasong Tamo) corner Mascardo and Yague Streets, Makati City 1263, or e-mail to <poetry_slm@inquirer.com.ph>

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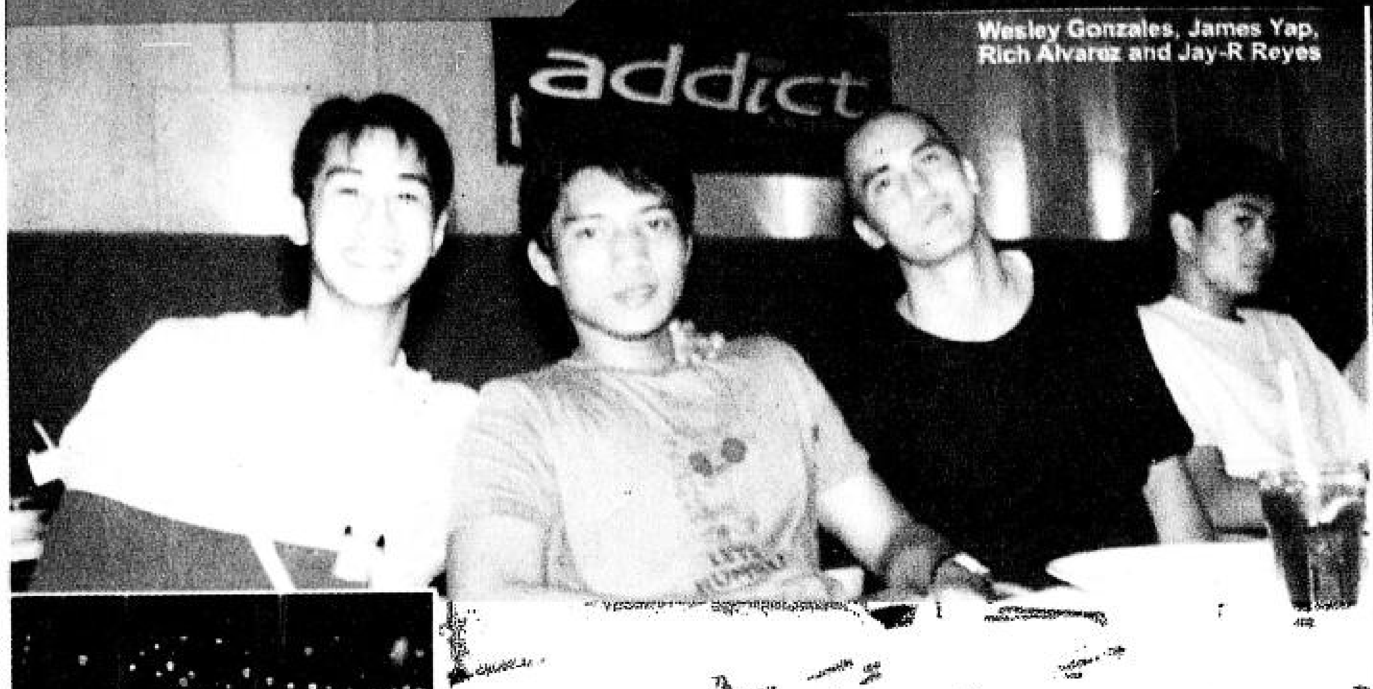

Wesley Gonzales, James Yap, Rich Alvarez and Jay-R Reyes

Councilor Jun-jun Binay, Pocholo Ramirez, Giña, JP Tuason and son

Photography by Jude Thaddeus Bautista

UP Maroon star Robson Bornancin tries out his newAddict Mobile phone

FEU's Arwind Santos with fellow Tamaraw Mark Isip

La Salle's deadly duo of Joseph Yeo and Mac Cardona

UAAP Stars for Addict Mobile

Last year's UAAP season was a vintage example of the drama that engulfs students, alumni and general basketball enthusiasts. Eventual champions Ateneo de Manila took fans from all schools through a rollercoaster ride of ecstasy and dejection. By winning in such dramatic style, the UAAP basketball competition has garnered more interest and exposure than ever before. Addict Mobile's continuous encouragement for sporting events and athletes has brought the top UAAP players and the leading wireless provider together for a mutual purpose, to help promote college basketball and sporting excellence in general.

Last July 18, Addict Mobile at Recipes in Greenbelt 3 hosted a dinner for top UAAP players in order to give recognition to their undoubted contribution to the sport. Top SMART executives presented seventeen of the best UAAP players with free phones and a host of Addict Mobile gift items. All the brilliant basketball stars will endorse Addict Mobile as it is a perfect fit with their active and energetic lifestyle. The finest players included National University star point guard Froilan Baguion, University of the Philippines' versatile Robson Bornancin and big man of the future JayR Reyes. Last year's Rookie of the Year - Far Eastern University's Arwind Santos, together with teammates Mark Isip, Dennis Miranda, and Tamaraws' captain Gerard Jones, University of Sto. Tomas' all-around player Christian Luanzon and low-post threat Alwin Espiritu, with University of the East's sharpshooter James Yap and super pointguard Paul Artadi were the other stars present. Eternal rivals De La Salle University and Ateneo de Manila were represented by "Captain Hook" Mac Cardona together with "The Ninja" Joseph Yeo and TY Tang for the Green Archers, while the Blue Eagles were represented by a quartet composed of intense swingman Wesley Gonzalez, veteran Larry Fonacier, daredevil LA Tenorio, and 2001-2002 UAAP MVP Rich Alvarez. All basketball stars received their phones and gifts after partaking of the delicious fusion cuisine the restaurant had to offer.

These superb basketball performers will contribute to Addict Mobile's sports content as well as endorse the wirelesss product by wearing Addict's sporty basketball gear and appearing in related communication requirements. These players, although undoubtedly superstars in sport, are also superb examples of sportsmanlike conduct. This is why Addict Mobile is proud to support these seventeen exemplary individuals and the electrifying UAAP basketball season.

Tuason Racing School

The motor racing community of the Philippines received an inspired boost from JP Tuason, son of legendary Filipino driver Mr. Arthur Tuason. Last July 17, Tuason Racing School, along with Addict Mobile, was officially launched at the Rockwell Power Plant Mall. The event started with some cocktails for distinguished guests and racing fans. As everyone settled into the occasion, three driving legends were introduced to each give a short talk. Robert Aventejado, legendary driver from the 70's and 80's, was first to deliver a brief message on his experiences and insights of the past. Dante Silverio was up next, and then Motoring Today's Pacholo Ramirez. All three described their experience as a little more difficult in their time, with very little sponsorship and no mechanics to assist them. All legendary drivers then paid tribute to Mr. Tuason as a superb driver and a decent man.

Mica Ruiz, James Deakin, Rey Ibarra, Yap Cheewah, Bebot Beton

The school offers each participant receives an extensive range of driving techniques, mechanics, and experienced drivers to tutor the aspirants in every aspect of competitive driving. Six aspiring drivers composed the first batch of this pioneering project. Of the six participants, five paid the full tuition fee while the last student was chosen among over a hundred hopeful drivers who tried to earn a scholarship to this exclusive driving school. The large number of aspirants was trimmed down to eight, then further down to three, and finally one was chosen based on driving skills on a track and on the road. The scholar, Mr. Jeff Borja, was an avid video game driver who ironically was also the fastest among the five other students who are semi-experienced drivers themselves.

Tuason Racing School, with extensive help from Addict Mobile, looks to further the sport of motor racing in the Philippines. With the help of great driving instructors, proper funding, and the legacy of the a legendary driver, the Philippines can be optimistic about the future of the sport.

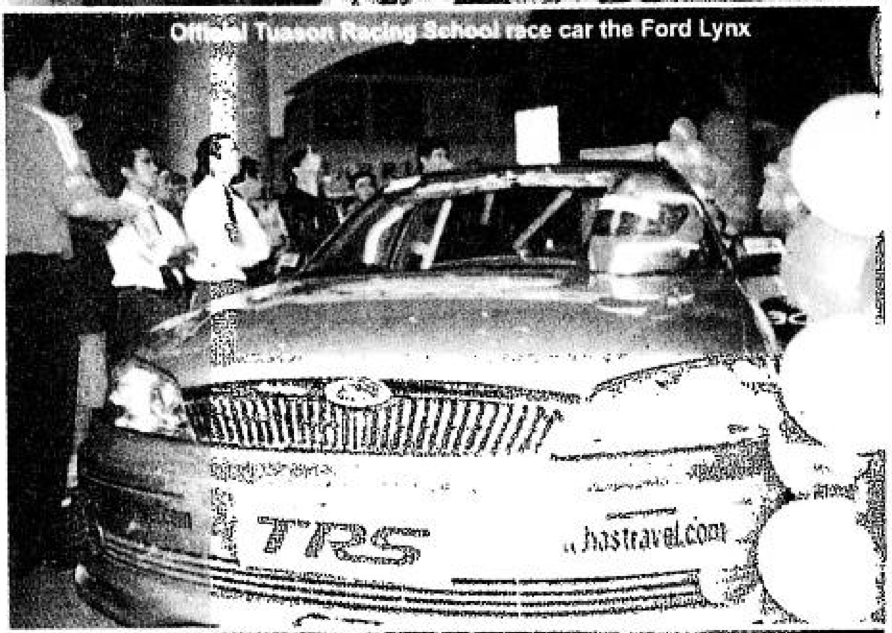
And If That Isn't Enough...

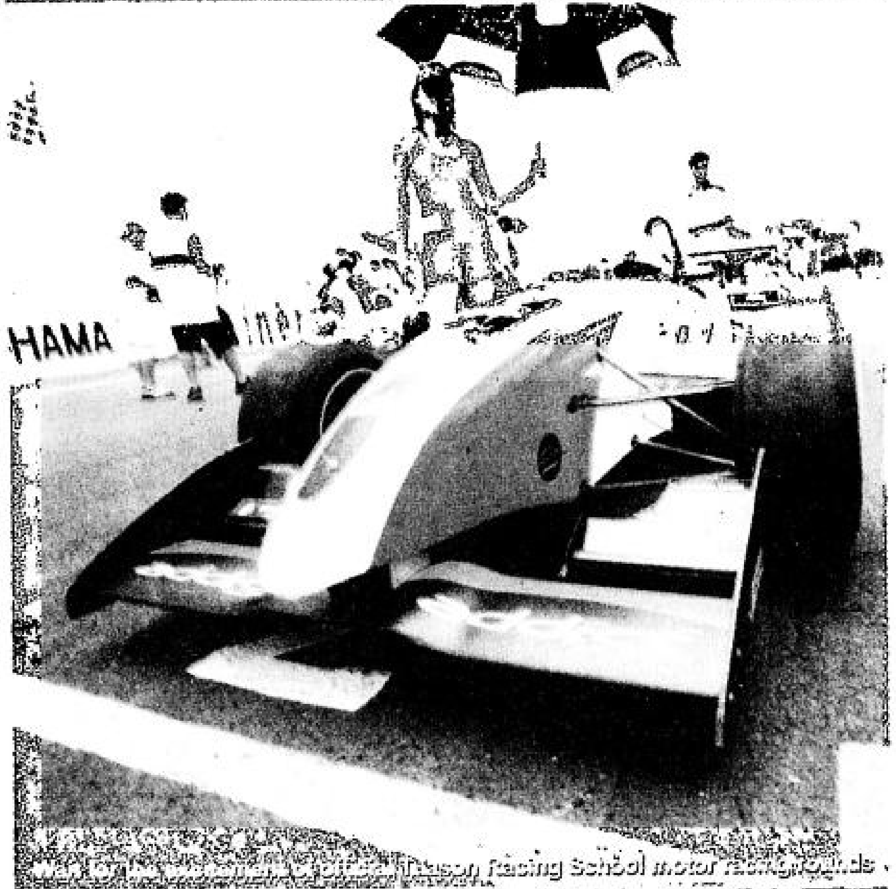
If you still haven't gotten your fill of Addict Mobile's Racing action, hold on to your seats for July 27, 2003 the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas for the Ford Lynx Cup. It will be the same rubber-to-asphalt excitement as the country's best driving talents against each other and the track to take home the honors of victory.

The Tuason Racing School Ford Lynx Cup will start with Round 1 on July 26 – 27 at the Batangas Racing Circuit. All cars each proficient driver will use will be the Ford Lynx. Addict subscribers get special privileges at each Ford Lynx Cup Race. Subsequent rounds will be held on the following dates: Round 2 August 16 – 17, Round 3 September 20 – 21, Round 4 October 25 – 26, and Round 5 November 29 – 30. The venues for each exhilarating Round are still to be determined.

Judging from the hoopla and buzz generated by the Addict Mobile Asian Formula3 held last month, the upcoming Ford Lynx Cup will be every bit as fast, furious, and utterly mobile.

Dominic Ochoa


Official Tuason Racing School race car the Ford Lynx



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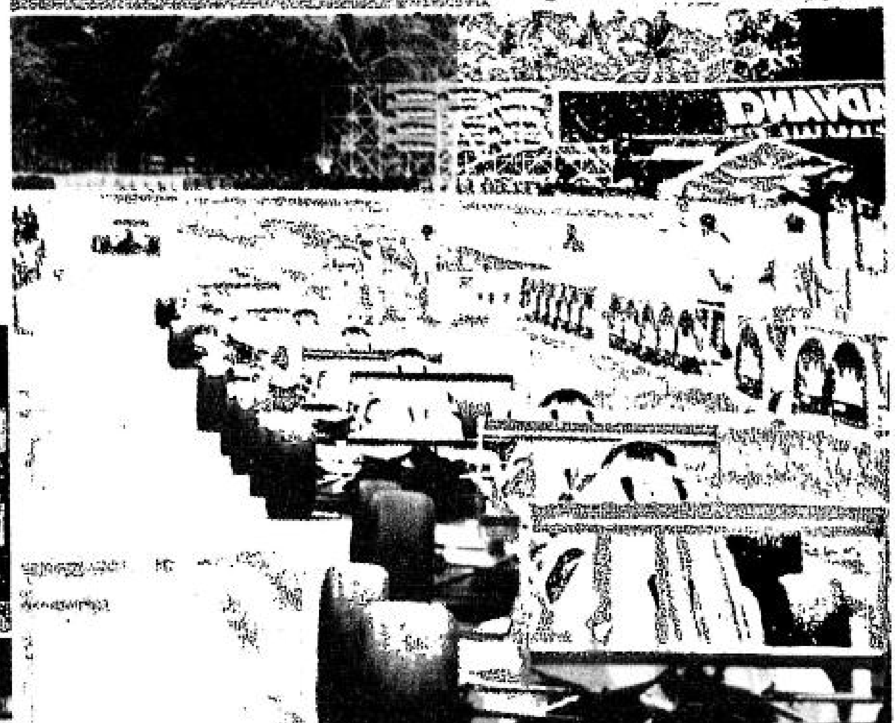

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DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK

Philippine Center for Diabetes
Education Foundation (PCDEF)
in cooperation with
Philippine Diabetes Association (PDA)
celebrates

DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK

Schedule of Activities

**"Sa Kabila ng Diabetes
Mabuhay ng Buong Kulay"**

A. PRELUDE TO DIABETES AWARENESS WEEK:
July 20, 2003
NE Pacific Mall, Cabanatuan City

B. KICK-OFF ACTIVITIES:
July 27, 2003
Glorietta Activity Area, Makati City

10:30 am
Holy Mass

11:30 am
Program/ Awarding of Outstanding Patients
"Best Interpretation of Diabetes Awareness Week
theme song contest"
Free Blood Glucose Testing
Wet Sampling/ Launching of Red "D" ribbon

Opening remarks:
Dr. Rosa Allyn Sy,
Philippine Diabetes Association President

Welcome remarks:
Dr. Augusto D. Litonjua,
PCDEF President

Inspirational Talk:
Richard Gordon,
Department of Tourism Secretary

Celebrity guests:
Chad Borja, Maribeth Bichara,
Regine Tolentino and Sarah Geronimo

C. CULMINATING ACTIVITIES:
August 3, 2003
Festival Supermall, Filinvest, Alabang

10:00 am
Holy Mass

11:00 am
Program/ Singing Contest:
"Best Interpretation of Diabetes Awareness Week
theme song contest"
Free Blood Glucose Testing
Wet Sampling/ Launching of Red "D" ribbon

Celebrity guests:
Pops Fernandez and Regine Tolentino

D. WEEK-LONG ACTIVITIES (July 28-31)
Nutrition Classes for Mothers and Care Givers
- Several modules on nutrition for patients and care givers
- Recipe contest among participants (winners to be announced during closing ceremony)

Diabetes Screening of First-Degree
Relatives (Blood Sugar + BMI)

Chairpersons:
Dr. Josephine Carlos-Raboca &
Dr. Cynthia Halili-Manabat

education— the key to compliance

**Author:
Dr. Augusto Litonjua**

It cannot be overly emphasized that diabetes mellitus is a chronic disease. The patient so afflicted must live with it throughout his life. And having to live with all the restrictions and that taking of medications, makes the patient many times frustrated with it all: to just give up and risk the aftermath.

This state of mind should not be so, because we all know that uncontrolled high blood glucose values are toxic to the many tissues and organs of the body, including the beta cells which produce insulin. Thus, complications set into the blood vessels, big and small, and then to the organs which are supplied by these vessels -- the heart, the brains, the legs, the eyes, the kidney, the sex organs -- no one organ in the body is spared. The tragedy of it all is that these complications can be averted -- by compliance to the physicians' orders.

To me, education is the best way to promote compliance. For how else can the patient comply without knowing why he should obey his doctor's advice? The patient should know that diabetes is a life-long disease. How many times have we seen a patient discontinue all his medications, forego healthy eating habits and increased physical activity, when he sees his blood glucose normalize? How else can the patient know that diabetes is not really a very restrictive disease? Medical science has so advanced so that different treatment plans can be tailored to suit the needs of various lifestyles. Indeed, in the words of that great diabetes educator, Elliot Joslin. "The diabetic who knows most, lives longest."

Why educate the patient with diabetes? The foremost reason is survival. Krall and Beaser give the other reasons as follows:

1. To live longer and happier. Quantity of life is important, but so is quality.
2. To have fewer days of illness and of complications.
3. To be able to function and cope with the rigors of modern life.
4. To have more productive and useful lives.
5. To be less costly to oneself, one's family and community, and the health system under which one lives.

The authors continue: Can education do all the above? Well, not by itself, but the more people understand their condition and know what to do, the more the physicians and the other members of the health team are able to help direct them along the path to continued health,

Even the World Health Organization has recognized the prime importance of education in the management of diabetes when it stated "Education is the cornerstone of diabetic therapy and vital to the integration of the diabetic into society."

This was our guiding principle when the Philippine Center for Diabetes Education Foundation (Diabetes Center) was formed. To date, it has helped train trainors in almost 60 centers around the country where we hope the gospel of diabetes education is being taught. In that way, patients come to know more about their disease. And with knowing, help them cope with diabetes.

Patient empowerment: A key to a better life.

"We saw, we came, we conquered DIABETES!"

**Author:
Dr. Susan Bernal-Trinidad**

We were once strangers who walked in the complex world of Diabetes, not knowing what it is and how that destination will lead us into something that would change our lives. As we continued on our journey, we learned and we got to know DIABETES better.

We knew that this was not an easy job. But because of our patience and willingness to learn, we surpassed all the difficulties that came our way. Though the outcome may not always be what we want it to be, we perceive with certainty that it is the best that we can do for ourselves.

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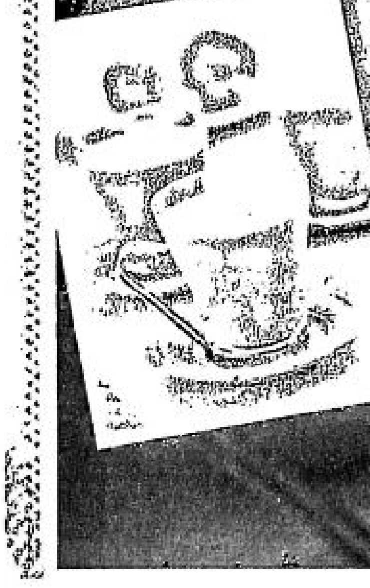
not all sweets are bad for you - just look at these sweets ma



Hot Choc Banana Special

[illegible] kilojoule reduction from traditional recipe
Preparation time: [illegible] minutes
Cooking time: [illegible] minutes
Serves [illegible]

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1/2 cup Equal Spoonful (or 12 Equal sachets)
[illegible] milk powder
[illegible] bananas, mashed
[illegible] low fat calcium enriched milk
80g white marshmallows.

Put the cocoa, Equal, milk powder, banana and milk into a blender and puree until smooth. You may have to do this in two batches depending on the size of your blender. Transfer the mixture to a pan and cook over a medium heat until hot; take care not to let it boil and spill over the pan. Divide the banana chocolate drink between four large mugs and top with marshmallows.

Tip: This drink is delicious hot or cold. It will separate on standing so stir well before serving. It can be kept in an airtight container and heated when required. Soy milk can be substituted for low fat milk.

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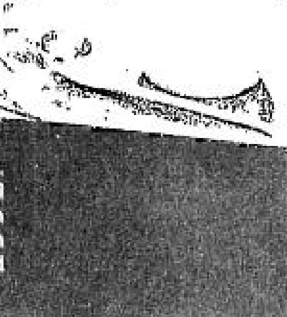

Sticky Choc Strawberry Puddings

50% kilojoule reduction from traditional recipe
Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Canola oil spray
4 tablespoons diet strawberry conserve
1 cup (125g) self raising flour
1/4 cup (30g) cocoa
1 cup Equal Spoonful
50g reduced fat margarine, melted
1/2 cup (125ml) low fat calcium enriched milk
2 eggs, lightly beaten
4 scoops low fat vanilla ice cream, to serve

Preheat oven to 180° C (350° F). Lightly grease four 1-cup capacity ramekins with canola cooking spray. Spoon one tablespoon of the conserve into each ramekin and spread with the back of a spoon to cover the base of the ramekin. Sift the flour and cocoa into a bowl, stir in the Equal. Whisk [illegible] the [illegible] between the four ramekins [illegible] the puddings [illegible] immediately topped with a scoop of low fat vanilla ice cream.

Tip: Any diet conserve or fruit spread may be used in this recipe. Try using marmalade for a tangy choc orange flavour.

Nutrition information per serve (160g)*:
kJ 1370 Cal 327 GI Medium Fat (g) 9 Carbohydrate (g) 50 Fibre (g) 2

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Diabetes is a self-managed illness. Everything a person does may affect his blood glucose. And how do we get to know all those "secrets?" All of those things can be learned by listening to the patient's story.

In developing a plan of care for patients, we should always bear in mind that it has to fit into the patient's life, has to make sense in terms of the patient's priorities, needs and the way they live.

So the bottom line is: before empowering your patient, it is a must to really, really KNOW them from head to toe, from skin to their internal organs, so to speak. We should have a thorough knowledge of each of our patients in order for us to be effective.

Knowing an individual patient would mean knowing something about their religion, culture, their own family practices and traditions. This is very important when planning care, what will work for a particular individual.

CULTURE plays a big role in considering what we want our people with diabetes to know.

The Filipino culture is full of many rituals which center around food, festivities and celebrations. Our generosity extends to everyone who comes and visits our home. There are big family gatherings during fiestas, baptism, birthdays and almost all occasions.

All year-round, we have "happenings," as we usually call it, and a lot of the traditional meals we serve are not recommended for someone with diabetes. Now, if we don't know what those things mean in a person's life, we are likely to give them unsolicited advice that may make things worse.

In other disease conditions, patients can remain passive, waiting for the health professional's decision and they will just be mere "followers." That does not work in diabetes, because diabetes is a lifelong disease. Diabetes requires a great deal of involvement. And much of the care involves recommendations about what people eat and their level of activities.

Numbers are vital to people with diabetes. Their lives are often run by numbers. Blood glucose readings, Hba1c, cholesterol and urine microalbumin levels are only some of the many numbers they have to look into.

But these numbers should not rule their lives, because the quality of life may actually suffer. Instead, they should make use of these numbers wisely by trouble-shooting in case there is a problem.

Everyone needs to be educated about how to lower blood glucose. This is a basic survival skill, one which everyone with diabetes should master.

As the song goes, "what goes up, must come down." Learning to master this skill will take a lot of practice and trying.

Everything you always wanted to know about DIABETES... (but were afraid to ask)

Author: Dr. Roberto C. Mirasol

When you are diabetic, blood glucose fluctuates widely. Glucose levels depend on three important aspects of your diabetes care-food intake, physical activity and medications. Of these three, perhaps food intake is the most challenging, if not the most difficult to control. Several aspects of diabetes care depends on what you eat, how you follow your meal plan, how you react to certain situations regarding food. These situations have frustrated most health care providers. We will answer some of your questions to help you out with your problems regarding following your diet.

I tend to overeat to cope with stress and negative feelings. My sugars shoot up as a result. What should I do? This is a very common response to stress. You should learn to recognize when you are stressed. Try to respond to stress differently.-- become more active, it will keep your mind off the problem temporarily until you have found a solution. Learn to cope with stress. If you are under major stress, you might try considering professional help.

I feel deprived because everybody seems to be enjoying what they are eating. I am limited by my food choices. I feel tempted to give up and give in. Help! Don't give up! There are many healthy foods, you can be creative with your choices. Choose diet sodas over regular drinks. Baked potatoes over french fries. Grilled chicken instead of fried chicken. Low fat cheese over regular cheese. Air popped corn instead of buttered popcorn. Don't give in. Remember it is your health that's at stake here.

At parties, holidays and on special occasions, I find it difficult to resist eating a lot. What is the best way to solve this problem? First, consider the kinds of foods available. Survey the buffet. Choose the low fat and low sugar food options. It is wise to eat a little of everything. Forego the dessert if it is not in your meal plan. If it is a party at your house or at a relative's, then you may request them to include healthy choices in the menu. Plan ahead.

What should I do when someone offers an inappropriate food, which I find hard to refuse for fear of hurting his/her feelings? You should simply refuse, and explain to the person that you have diabetes. Surely he/she will understand. It is better to be truthful, than bear the brunt of high blood sugar later on.

I find eating sweet foods tempting. I crave for them especially after eating. What do I do? Avoid cues that will lead you to eat sweet foods. If you crave for sweet foods after a meal, substitute with a fruit.

I feel discouraged. Despite dieting, my weight is still up. My sugars are still out of control. I'm desperate. I am a failure. What can I do? Yours is not an isolated case. There are people with the same problem. Don't despair. Keep trying. Your medications will need some adjustment and your meal plan has to be reviewed. You need to work closely with your dietitian to come up with a workable plan. Set small goals. Do not be so hard on yourself.

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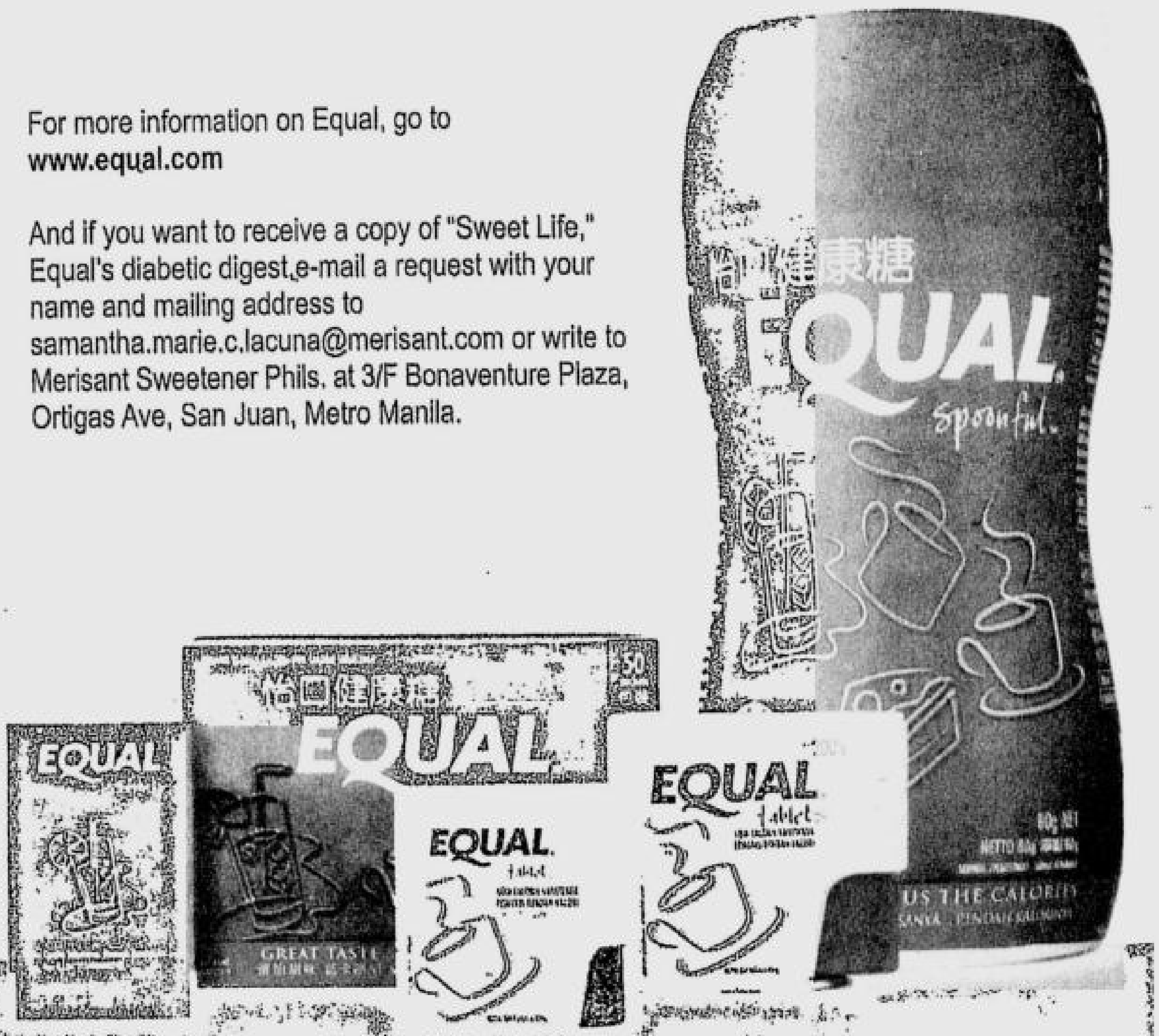

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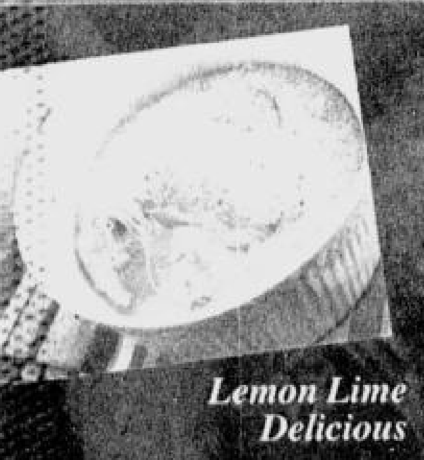

Lemon Lime Delicious

50% kilojoule reduction from traditional recipe
Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 1 hour
Serves 6

60g reduced fat margarine
1 cup Equal Spoonful
3 eggs, separated
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 teaspoon grated lime rind
1/3 cup (40g) self raising flour
1/4 cup (60ml) lemon juice
2 tablespoons lime juice
3/4 cup (185ml) low fat calcium enriched milk
Canola spray (to grease the tin)
Hot water

Preheat the oven to 180° C. Put the margarine, Equal, egg yolks and citrus rind into a bowl and beat until light and creamy. Fold in the flour, lemon and lime juice and milk. Beat the egg whites in a clean dry bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold into the lemon lime mixture. Spoon the mixture into a lightly greased 1 litre capacity ovenproof dish. Place the dish into a deep baking tray and pour in enough hot water to come one third of the way up the side of the dish. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour.

Tip: This recipe is best made just before serving. Serve hot.

Nutrition information per serve (155g)*:
kJ 510 Cal 122 GI low Fat (g) 6 Carbohydrate (g) 11 Fibre (g) 0.3

Apple Strudel

50% kilojoule reduction from traditional recipe
Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes
Serves 6

500g green apples, peeled, cored and thickly sliced
100g dried apples, roughly chopped
2 tablespoons sultanas
1/2 cup Equal Spoonful
1 cinnamon stick
1/4 teaspoon mixed spice
1/4 cup water
6 sheets filo pastry
Canola cooking spray
200g low fat vanilla yoghurt or low fat ice cream, to serve

Preheat oven to 200° C. Put the apples, dried apples, sultanas, Equal, cinnamon, mixed spice and 1/4 cup water into a pan. Cover and cook over a medium heat for 10 minutes or until the apples are soft. Drain well and remove the cinnamon stick. Set aside to cool. Lay one sheet of filo out onto a clean work surface, spray lightly with canola spray and top with another sheet. Continue layering and spray until all the pastry has been used. Spoon the apple filling along the short and of the pastry. Bake on a non-stick baking tray for 30 minutes or until the pastry is crisp and golden. Serve sliced with low fat vanilla yoghurt or low fat ice cream.

Tip: Canned pie apples may be used instead of Granny Smith apples if you are running short on time. Simply combine the canned apples, dried apples, sultanas and mixed spice and roll up in the filo pastry.

Nutrition information per serve (155g)*:
kJ 715 Cal 170 GI Medium Fat (g) 1 Carbohydrate (g) 36 Fibre (g) 4

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Stylewatch

By Nikki M. Meru

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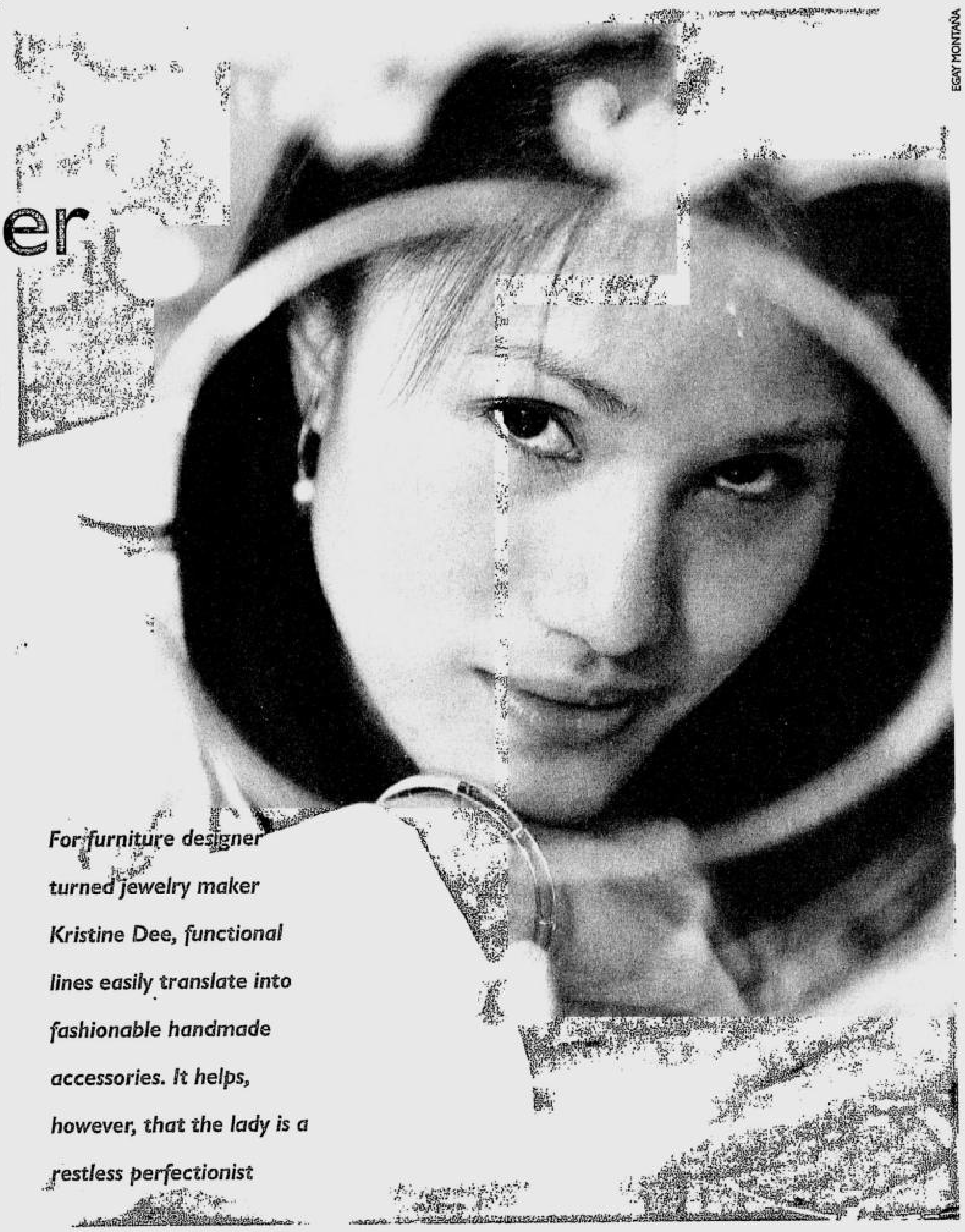
Proving Her Metal



EGAY MONTAÑA

For furniture designer turned jewelry maker Kristine Dee, functional lines easily translate into fashionable handmade accessories. It helps, however, that the lady is a restless perfectionist

"IF YOU want it, go for it!" sums up 27-year-old Kristine Dee's philosophy when she took the leap from industrial design to creating her own line of jewelry.

Kristine was completing her Master's degree in industrial design three years ago at the Pratt Institute in New York when jewelry created by some students aroused her interest. That led to her studying jewelry design and making a career of it.

From 2002, when she came home to Manila, Kristine has been a partner in Duo Design, Inc., which specializes in designing and manufacturing house ware for export, and K. Dee Studio, which designs and produces one-of-a-kind jewelry.

Her background in industrial design actually enhances her newfound career, she says, as she pays particular attention "to the function, form, aesthetics and production details of things I design."

Having learned a bit about Scandinavian furniture design from a Danish design school also inspires Kristine to put style and function into her jewelry. "If a piece is beautiful but does not serve its function well, then it is not a good design," says this firm believer in aesthetics with a purpose.

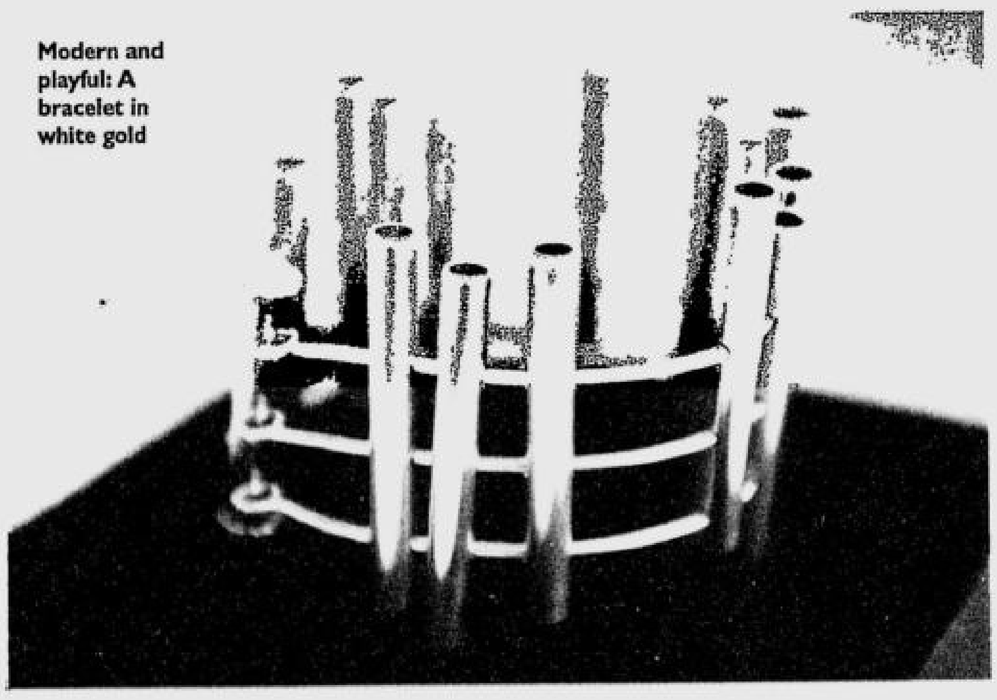
She adds, "My work is all about clever connections, tension and movement. I put great importance on proportion and on the positive and negative spaces that a piece occupies when worn on the body." Even jewelry joints and connections are so important, she says, that they end up as designs themselves.

Kristine's designs are delightful, exuding a certain lightness that will make the wearer comfortable and confident in her own skin. "I want the wearer to feel as unique as my pieces. Everything is done by hand and in limited quantities."

It's no wonder that, as Kristine admits, she "obsesses" about her work. "I obsess about designing and how I can improve myself each time. I make sure all the furnishings and jewelry I make turn out the way I envisioned them to be, if not better. Seeing my designs wonderfully executed and appreciated by people makes me feel happy and contented."

The designer isn't all work, though. Like every young lady, she loves to shop—"especially shoes, bags and jewelry! It's easier, I don't have to undress to try them on! I like to update my wardrobe once in a while. I shop anywhere, from malls and stores to *tiangges*, here and outside the country. There is no particular brand I stick to. I like to have a mix of everything." In her leisure time, she's out with her family and fiancé to eat or watch a movie. "If we have a enough time, we go to the beach. Spending time with family and nurturing relationships are very important to me."

She also likes to exercise when she can and eats everything in moderation. "I think too much of one thing is bad!" The resolution comes in handy when she's indulging in her favorite Spanish hot chocolate and chocolate souffle and recently, Bicolano food. "The food is so good there! My fiancé is from Bicol."



Modern and playful: A bracelet in white gold

The fiancé, Sheldon Villanueva Jr., is also Kristine's business partner. So what's it like to be working with her husband-to-be? "It's challenging. There are times we don't agree on certain things, since he is also an industrial designer, with the same background and exposure as mine. More importantly, working together enables us to complement each other's ideas. When I show him my concepts, he would have supporting ideas and solutions for them, then it gets better, and vice versa." The two are getting married in January 2004, a beach wedding— "my childhood dream," Kristine says.

Despite the country's shrinking economy, Kristine's first jewelry exhibit early this year titled "Metals in Motion" got a warm response. "People say my pieces are very different from what's out there and they appreciate that," she says proudly.

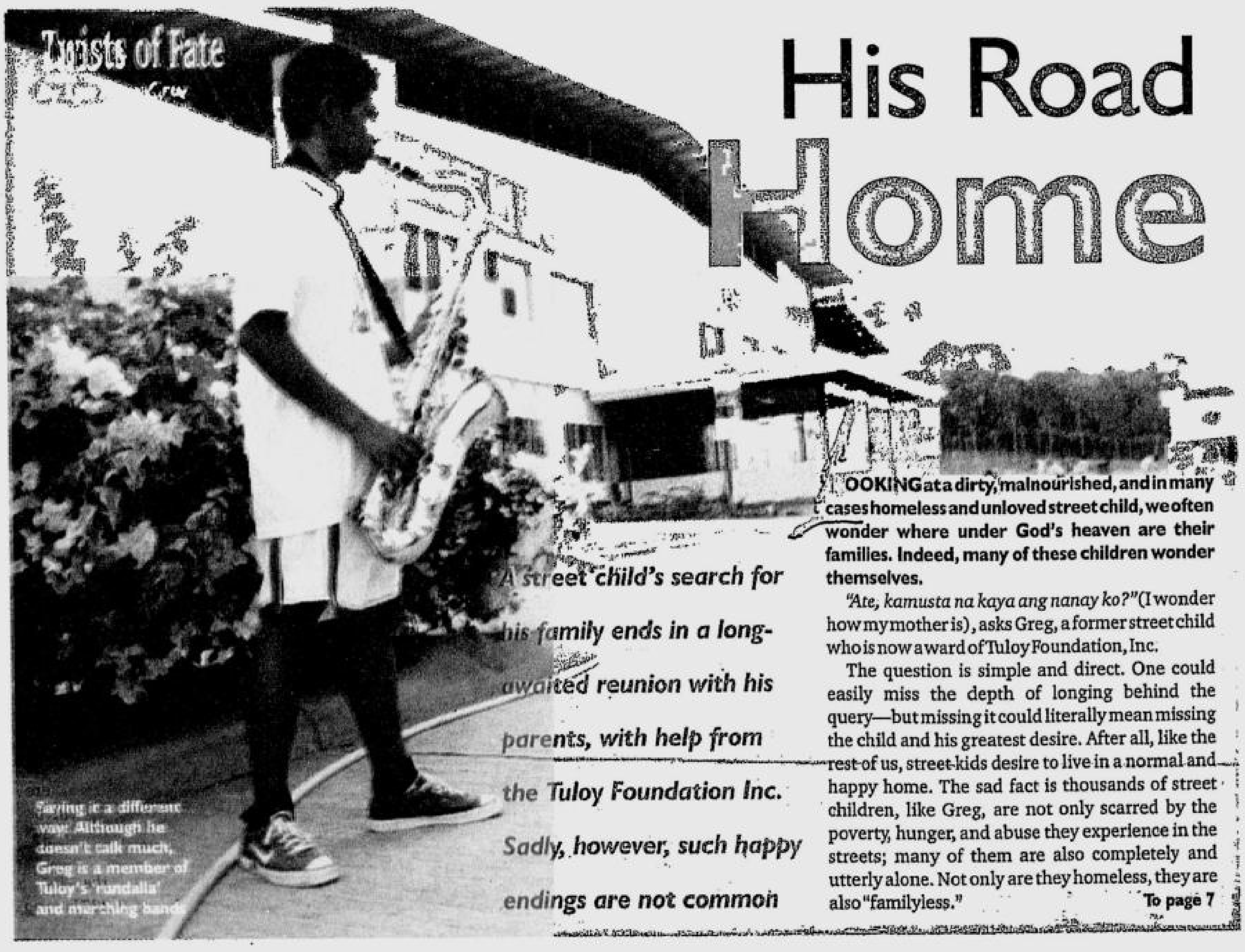
Kristine recently opened her own jewelry gallery at the Antel Global Building in Ortigas Center. "I want people here in the Philippines to know what I do, why I do these things, how I do them and what my design principles are when it comes to jewelry and furnishings."

Among Kristine's favorite materials to work on are white and yellow gold, sterling silver, diamonds, rubies, South Sea and cultured pearls. The pieces are modern and playful yet elegant. The Shaft pendant, for instance, which is made of pink peach rice pearls inside a rectangular, vertical chamber in sterling silver, is an effortless eye catcher. The Flippo and the Flippee necklaces are reversible in yellow and white gold with connections that enable the pieces to sway and swing as the wearer moves.

That movement, she says, is a reflection of her personality. "Sometimes I'm moody. I want twists, movement and something surprising in a jewelry. It's the same with me. I cannot stay put. I have to keep moving. If I stay in one place too long, I don't learn from that place. And there always has to be something interesting."

Twists of Fate

His Road Home



Saying it a different way: Although he doesn't talk much, Greg is a member of Tuloy's 'rondalla' and marching bands

A street child's search for his family ends in a long-awaited reunion with his parents, with help from the Tuloy Foundation Inc. Sadly, however, such happy endings are not common

LOOKING at a dirty, malnourished, and in many cases homeless and unloved street child, we often wonder where under God's heaven are their families. Indeed, many of these children wonder themselves.

"Ate, kamusta na kaya ang nanay ko?" (I wonder how my mother is), asks Greg, a former street child who is now a ward of Tuloy Foundation, Inc.

The question is simple and direct. One could easily miss the depth of longing behind the query—but missing it could literally mean missing the child and his greatest desire. After all, like the rest of us, street-kids desire to live in a normal and happy home. The sad fact is thousands of street children, like Greg, are not only scarred by the poverty, hunger, and abuse they experience in the streets; many of them are also completely and utterly alone. Not only are they homeless, they are also "familyless."

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This Week

Art

FilHispanic **Valeria Cavestany** plays with the concept of multiplicity with her recent work, Blombos Y Casas De Luz at The Drawing Room, GF, Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati until August 6. She depicts "nostalgia" by using commercial images of oriental women, which is shown in a varied use of media such as paintings, decoupage and *Blombos De Luz* (dividers-lamps) made with clothing and iron. For inquiries, call 897-6990 or 897-7877.

Finale Art Gallery is delighted to show the fourth one-man show of **Jacinto Sotto** until August 10. Sotto continues the exploration of color in his poetic abstract paintings. He combines improvisation, intuition, control and aesthetic judgment on his works. For more information, contact the Finale Art Gallery at 634-2411.

UP Playwrights' Theater presents *"Tanikalang Guinto"*

Music

Second installment of the MCO Arts Festival 2003, **"With a Song in My Heart": The Music of Richard Rodgers (A tribute to the great American composer, Richard Rodgers)** will be held on August 1, 7:30 p.m at the Francisco Santiago Hall of Equitable PCI Bank Tower I, Makati Avenue corner H.V. Dela Costa St., Makati. The musical production features Richard Rodgers' most well-loved Broadway hits. Featured artists are Josephine Roces-Chavez, Rachelle Gerodias, Jose Randy Gilongo and Eugene Villaluz. For queries, call the MCO Foundation at 818-1403 or 840-7000 locals 2630 and 2258 or email mcofoundation@netasia.net.

On August 1, Asia's nightingale **Lani Misalucha** will headline a fund-raising show entitled "An Evening With The Nightingale" at the AFP Theater (Teatro Aguinaldo) in Camp Aguinaldo, Q. C.. Musical direction is by Gerard Salonga. This event is for the benefit of the educational fund of the children of deceased PMA Makatao Class 1989 members. Tickets are priced at P1,800, P1,200, P800 and P500 and are available at all SM Ticketnet outlets. For ticket inquiries, call 688-4404/635-3790/0917-8137007.

Josephine Roces-Chavez sings at the MCO Arts Festival 2003

Onstage

The Gantimpala Theater Foundation season kicks off this August with ***"Ibong Adarna,"*** Jose Corazon de Jesus' Filipino classic about three brothers and their quest to find the mythical bird. Performance dates are from August 1 to 24. Venues of performances are the Saint Cecilia's Hall of St. Scholastica's College, AFP Theater Camp Aguinaldo, RFC Cinema and at Cabuyao Cinema, Laguna. For inquiries, call the GTF Marketing Office, 899-5745/896-3505 or the GTF Production Office at 528-0603/0918-9212866.

UP Playwrights' Theater will stage ***"Tanikalang Guinto"*** by the late Juan Abad, an allegorical play from the American period as it celebrates its 17th theater season. Considered as Drama Simboliko, the play is a figurative presentation of the Filipino's bravery during the American occupation. Romnick Sarmenta plays the lead role of K'Ulayaw. Directed by Ogie Juliano, the play will run from August 6 to August 17 at the Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero Theatre on the 2nd floor of the Palma Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City. For inquiries and ticket reservations, contact Adrien Cabuhat at 0919-8342135 or Rhea Justo at 0920-5246929. You can also contact the Dulaang UP Office at 926-1349/920-5301 or email them at dulaangup@yahoo.com.

Cinema

Titus Brandsma Center presents **pelikula@titusbrandsma** featuring "Forbidden Games" by Rene Clement (France), "Monsoon Wedding" by Mira Nair (India), and "Barry Lyndon" by Stanley Kubrik (Great Britain) on August 2, 1:00 p.m. at the Titus Brandsma Center, 24 Acacia St., Cubao, Quezon City. For inquiries, call Jofti at 726-7763 or Maxie at 751-1169.

Food

The Heritage Hotel Manila celebrates its 10th year with Wok a la Minute and Shabu-shabu. In **Wok a la Minute**, guests may choose from a wide array of fresh seafood items such as oyster, shrimp, prawn, clam, crab, etc. and have them cooked just the way they like. A gourmet adventure, **Shabu-shabu,** gives guests the preference to enjoy their food nutritiously. Promo runs until August 31. For inquiries and reservations, call 854-8888.

Tin Hau, Mandarin Oriental's premier Chinese restaurant cooks up a sumptous "Dim Sum Feast" headed by dim sum chef, Lauro Bolado. Promo runs until August 10. For reservations and queries, call 750-8888 local 2422 and 2424.

Tuesday nights goes Arabian at The Westin Philippine Plaza. **Arabian Nights** features a variety of mezzes such as Baba Ghanoush, hummus, kebabs and dolmas. For inquiries, call the Public Relations office at 832-6938 or 551-5555.

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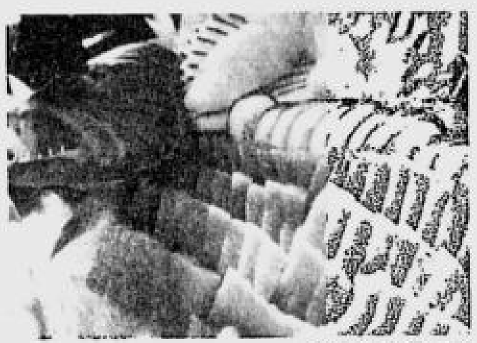
The Filipinas Heritage Library and WeddingsAtWork.com will hold another round of its Bridal Talks on August 2 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. at the FHL Reading Room, Makati Avenue. **Dream Wedding Gown** by Ms. Michi Calica-Sotto and **Wedding Gown Preservation** by Ms. Melissa Jadwani will keep you updated on the latest bridal style, fabric, color, as well as on tips in preserving your bridal gown. A selection of wedding suppliers will also be present at the event. Admission fee is P150 For more details, call 892-1801 or email events@fillib.org.ph.

Basic... and Beyond Photography Workshops, the Asian mentor series by the Society of Portrait Photographers of the Philippines run for three Saturdays, August 2, 9 and 16 at the Product Development and Design Center Philippines, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City. For pre-registration, look for Marsha at Fujifilm Image Service Center, Studio Room SM Megamall Basement or Beth at Once Upon A Lifetime Digital Studio, Unit 1010. On site registration is at the Design Center Phils., during workshop hours. For queries, call 806-1346/821-7978 or 0916-4693388 or 0917-4118339.

Venture for Fund Raising, along with fund raisers from the non-profit sector will teach you how to acquire new donors by coming up with the best event possible as it holds a **Special Events Fund Raising** course on August 1 at the AIM Conference Center, Benavidez corner Trasierra Sts., Makati City. The course will provide participants with an understanding in special event fund raising principles, implementation, economics and legalities. For queries, call Valerie at 634-8889 to 90 or email lerie@venture-asia.org

A super Sunday is on its way as The 3rd International Exhibits in Modern and Related Equipment Product Services and Technology will kick off back to back with E-Business Expo and Job Fair Philippines on August 1 to 3 at the Philippine Trade Center. This year's theme is **Re-engineering Education and Business for Global Efficiency and Productivity.** For details and inquiries, call Edutech at 651-1749/0920-2119559 or email eductech@mla.msclub.net or sbernardo@edsamail.com.ph.



Shabu-shabu at The Heritage Hotel Manila

Breaking Through the Writers' Block, a workshop that will thaw your unproductive thoughts away is on August 9 at the Cafe Literati, 3rd level of Goodwill Bookstore, Glorietta, Makati. Reservations are accepted at all Goodwill Bookstore branches. For queries, call Vanessa of PinoyWriters at 0919-4023640 or Grace of Goodwill Glorietta at 8939079.

LG Electronics gives you a glimpse of the digital home as it showcase the latest of its product lines in Digital Display and Digital Appliance on July 28, 2003, 7:00 p.m. at the ISLA Ballroom 2 and 3 of the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel. For queries, call Zeny or Rose at 640-2397/641-4181 loc. 170.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
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- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

The Sunday Inquirer Magazine welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules

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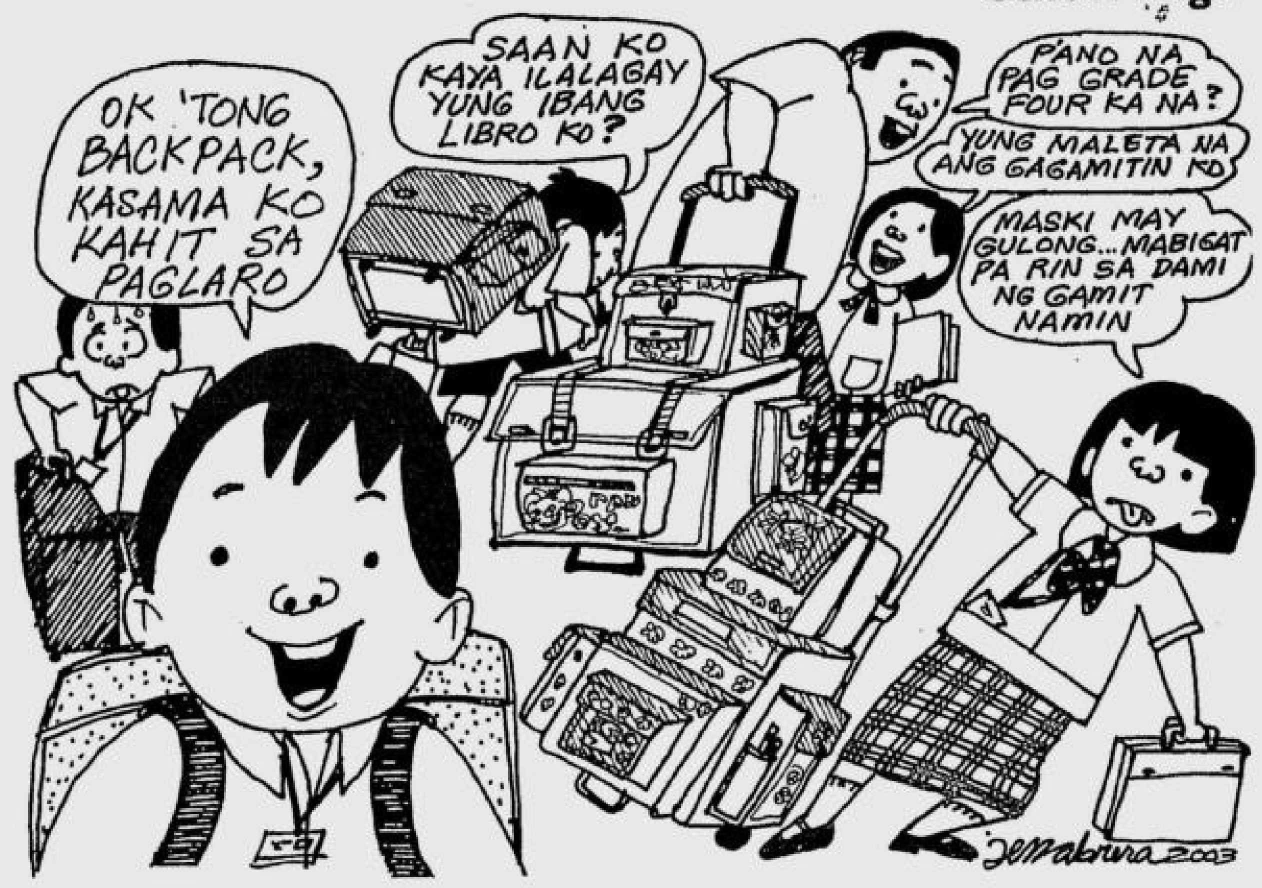
Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

School Bags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Love Notes

By Joe D' Mango

A Letter from a Friend

I have kept this for fear of losing your friendship. But I just can't go on loving you without letting you know

I would like to share with you a letter from a friend. They say that it's difficult to be a woman because you cannot express yourself the way a man can. When you feel something for a man, you just can't shout it out because many people would tell you not to. When a woman falls in love with a friend, it becomes doubly difficult because the friendship is put at risk. More often than not, she would just keep her feelings to herself rather than letting the other person know and lose him in the end. It has always been said that the worst way to miss someone is when you're sitting right beside him and cannot have him.

I know many women would find it unacceptable to be the first to spill out their feelings but sometimes it's the only way to find closure in a relationship that has been standing undefined for a long time. It is in the courage that she found to write and personally give this letter that we should find the reason to let someone know that we care. And if we do, it should not matter if the other person reciprocates our feeling because what matters most is not that we have failed, but that we have loved and given unselfishly.

Dear Matt,

I know you will find this a bit unusual. I honestly can't remember the last time I sent you a Christmas card. Two, three years ago? But it's not Christmas now, yet I have this unexplainable urge to tell you something that I have been keeping inside for the longest time. You know I'm not really good when it comes to pouring out my feelings. We have been friends for a long time and I can't thank God enough for giving me someone to share the most beautiful eight years of my life with. You see, this is where it all started.

When I met you, I never thought we'd be this close. I thought it will just be like that forever. I guess somewhere along the way, I learned to anchor my hopes on something which I wasn't sure I was supposed to feel in the first place. I don't even know if it is right to tell you this but God knows how much pain I have been through just keeping this from you. I thought it was just fine to remain friends but every single moment that we share, drenches my soul with the longing to be closer to you. In my many unspoken words, I have tried my best to show my feelings. My silence spoke a thousand times louder but I guess it never reached you. I need to tell you this, Matt. Otherwise, I will forever be trapped in my world of make-believe.

I guess it would be an understatement to say that "I love you" because I don't—I love you with all my life and my soul. I am not telling you this because I want you to love me in return. Selfish as it may seem, I think I owe this to myself. I just need to let you know how much you mean to me. I hope this won't change the way we are to each other. I have kept this for fear of losing your friendship. But I just can't go on loving you without letting you know. You will always be my friend and you will always be special. Finally I have broken my silence.

I love you, friend.

His Road

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Greg is luckier than most. He now lives in Tuloy Streetchildren Village in Alabang, where he shares a home with 29 other boys in as close to a family setting as he can enjoy. They are under the direction of a volunteer head of house, who functions as a house parent and is in turn assisted by a competent social worker. There are five other houses in the Village, each accommodating up to 30 kids.

Fr. Rocky Evangelista, a Salesian of Don Bosco, started Tuloy Foundation in 1993 to cater to the special needs of street children.

Here, former street children like Greg avail themselves of food, shelter, clothing, spiritual and moral formation, recreation, medical and dental care, values formation, individualized counseling and therapy, non-formal education including Vocational Technology, and on-the-job training. The program is directed at empowering children and preparing them for independence , and aims to integrate clientele back into society as responsible and productive citizens.

As of March 2003, there were 138 children under Tuloy's care. Of these, 79 have families. Tuloy's social workers are still in the process of looking for the families of six other children.

Among the "old timers" in Tuloy, Greg is now 17, on his seventh year in the Center, and is availing himself of the Foundation's complete rehabilitation program. But these past seven years, Greg has also left the comforts of the Center several times to search for his mother.

Unfortunately, his attempts to look for her have proven fruitless. He always returned tired and broken-hearted from his days, sometimes even weeks, of search.

Having been separated from his family at a very young age, Greg has few memories of his home. He recalls cleaning buses in Baliwag, Bulacan and sleeping under a movie house to earn a few pesos at the age of 7 or 8. Even then, he seldom went home, preferring to wander in the streets.

Greg befriended older boys who introduced him to a life of crime. This early career in petty theft cost him dearly, as misfortune seemed to follow him. One day someone recognized him as one of the boys who attempted to rob a store in his town. Greg denied it, and at the first opportunity, he ran away. Exhausted from walking, he fell asleep in a truck and woke up in Manila. Thus, at the tender age of 7, Greg found himself truly alone in a city he did not know.

The task of looking for Greg's parents fell in the lap of Tuloy social worker, Riza Garcia. Greg's case, however, was difficult. Having been separated from his family at a young age, he is unsure about their exact location at the time he left them. Greg's own attempts to find them only got him as far as Baliwag Transit in Bulacan. His own sister in Batangas could not give an exact location.

A breakthrough came in May 2002. Greg's sister was able to come up with a place: Palale, Norzagaray, Bulacan. Riza immediately left Manila to find Greg's parents in Palale. After meeting Riza and learning that Greg was alive and well, his mother went back to Manila with Riza on that very day. They spent the night in Riza's house and early the next morning, Riza sprung her surprise on Greg.

That morning Riza came up to Greg and whispered in Tagalog, "I have a surprise for you. You know who came with me?" Tears came unbidden in the teenager's eyes, and without being told he knew what his surprise was. He bowed his head and said, "I know she is my mother." Greg could barely remember his mother, but when he saw her he instantly recognized her.

Shortly after seeing his mother, Greg visited their home in Palale.

For now, he has decided to remain in Tuloy so he can finish his studies. For this young man, family has become a reality again. No longer does he need to dig deep into memory to know that he has parents who love him. He knows exactly where home is, and there his parents will be waiting for him.

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